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Reporting Office MILWAUKEE	Office of Origin MILWAUKEE	Date 1/9/61	Investigative Period 12/2/60 - 12/30/60
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO		Report made by SA b6 b7C	Typed By: SZ
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI - RACKETEERING	

Synopsis

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LEADS

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

1. Will at Police Department, Milwaukee, review the arrest file relating to JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, their #42336, arrested 9/30/43 as an inmate of a gambling house, for disposition and all background data known relating to RIZZO.
2. Will at the USDC, EDW, Milwaukee, U.S. Marshal's #2007, obtain disposition of arrest of RIZZO on 4/18/44 for illegal possession and traffic in counterfeit gas ration coupons.
3. Will at U.S. Secret Service, Milwaukee, their file #J-9-30215, obtain all background data had as to RIZZO, his associates, and known activities that area.

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4. Will at the Credit Bureau of Greater Milwaukee, effect search of indicies and records had relating to RIZZO for background information available.
5. Will contact informants and logical sources close to the FRANK PETER BALISTRERI mob in Milwaukee to develop the association with and extent of participation had by RIZZO with this mob. It being noted that "BUSTER" BALISTRERI is frequently observed on weekends with RIZZO at a craps game located at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, Wis.
6. Will determine if the Tic Toc Club, 504 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee is operated by interests close to the BALISTRERI and whether Subject RIZZO was employed there as alleged on occasion of his arrest on 12/12/53 by the PD, Kenosha, Wis., and continues to be a known habitue at this location.
7. Will at the State of Wisconsin District Income Tax Office, Milwaukee, review RIZZO's returns for the years 1958 and 1959 for background and sources of income.

AT RACINE AND KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

Will through informants and logical sources attempt to develop current activities and associates of RIZZO, and ascertain extent of his participation in any illegal activities this area.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: January 9, 1961

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File No.: 92-164

Bureau File No.:

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI - RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Records of the PD, Kenosha, Wisconsin, reflect JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, FBI #4004975, born 11/16/10 in Penna., and residing at 809 Kingston Ave., Racine, Wis., was arrested 12/12/53 as inmate of a gambling house at Kenosha. RIZZO claimed employment with the Tic Toc Club, Milwaukee, Wis. RIZZO's photograph identified as loitering at 2207 56th St., Kenosha location of a craps game alleged run by the FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI mob of Milwaukee. Fingerprint history and arrest records of Racine and Kenosha, Wis., Police Departments set forth; Credit negative at Racine and Kenosha.

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DETAILS:

~~FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI~~
This investigation is predicated on information that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO of Racine, Wisconsin, is controlling gambling in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area for FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with view to further identify him and determine the extent of his participation in gambling and other illegal activities, if any, in the Kenosha area.

The following investigation at Kenosha and Racine, Wisconsin was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

Deputy [REDACTED] Records and Identification

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Division, Sheriff's Office, Kenosha County, Kenosha, on December 2, 1960, advised a search of the indices and files of that Department failed to reflect any information whatever identifiable with JOHN CHARLES RIZZO.

[redacted] Sheriff's Office, Kenosha County, Kenosha, on December 2, 1960 advised that he is familiar with a gamblin hangout located at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, formerly known as the 56th Street Cigar Store, that for years was a center for members of the local Italian hoodlums of the Kenosha area to loiter, gamble at cards and craps, and lay-off horse race bets by telephone with Waukeegan and Chicago, Illinois gambling interests. [redacted] added that of late he has been informed that the FRANK BALISTRIERI mob of Milwaukee, Wisconsin took over control of this location for craps games on weekends and that the names of JOHN RIZZO and "BUSTER" BALISTRIERI were familiar as being associated with this operation. [redacted] added that the location of this gambling is within the City of Kenosha and therefore under police jurisdiction of the Kenosha Police Department.

[redacted] Identification Division, Police Department, City of Kenosha, on December 13, 1960 advised the records of that Department reflected that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, FBI #4004975, Kenosha Police Department #4311, was arrested by that Department on December 12, 1953 on charge of being an inmate of a gambling house with disposition listed as "Forfeit of a \$25.00 bond." RIZZO at the time of this arrest alleged he resided at 809 Kingston Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin and was employed by the Tic Toc Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The fingerprint arrest card on RIZZO contained the following descriptive data:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Name	JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
Date of Birth	11/16/10
Place of Birth	Pennsylvania
Descent	Italian-American'
Height	5'11"
Weight	195 lbs.
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Brown
Build	Medium stout
Marital Status	Married
Residence	809 Kingston Ave., Racine, Wisconsin

A fingerprint history received from the Identification Division of the FBI under number 4004975, dated December 22, 1953, pertaining to JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, contained the following entries:

<u>Contributor</u>	<u>Date Rec'd</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
PD, Milwaukee Wis, #42336	9/30/43	Inmate Gambling House	None
U.S. Secret Service, Milw., Wis. #J-9-30215	4/18/44	Illegal possession & traffic in cft. of gas ration coupons	None
U.S. Marshal, Milw., Wis. #2007	4/18/44	" " " " " " " " " "	\$1,000 bail
PD, Kenosha, Wis. #4311	12/12/53	Inmate of Gambling House	\$25.00 bond, forfeit

[redacted] also advised that information was obtained from the Police Department, Milwaukee, Wisconsin relating to RIZZO of the following record had there by him:

<u>Date of Arrest</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
9/30/43	Gambling	\$10.00 & Costs
4/25/46	Inmate Gambling House	\$25.00 & Costs
10/5/51	Operating Auto White Under Infl. Liquor	\$75.00 & Costs

[redacted] on December 13, 1960 made available a copy of the photograph taken of Subject RIZZO by that Department on December 13, 1953.

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Kenosha, on December 14, 1960 advised a search of the files and records of that Bureau failed to reveal any record or information identifiable with Subject RIZZO.

AT RACINE, WISCONSIN

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Racine, Racine, Wisconsin, on December 16, 1960 advised a search of the records

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of that concern failed to locate any record or file relating to a JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, 809 Kingston Avenue, Racine.

[redacted] Records Section, Police Department, City of Racine, on December 29, 1960, advised the following notations were located on a name card for a JOHN RIZZO of 924 Park Ave., Racine, whose date of birth was set forth as being November 16, 1910, no place of birth described:

<u>Date of Arrest</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
1/9/37	Inmate of Gambling House	\$5.00 & Costs
7/30/38	Opr. Unregistered Vehicle	Excused
4/18/41	Inmate Gambling House	\$10.09 fine

[redacted] further stated that RIZZO, in connection with the above arrests, was not fingerprinted or photographed by the Department. She also stated that a complaint was received by the Department on September 8, 1957 pertaining to a JOHN RIZZO residing at 809 Kingston Avenue, Racine, as burning rubbish at that address. He was ordered by a Squad to put the fire out and did so. No other information identifiable with the Subject could be located.

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

[redacted] on December 30, 1960 advised [redacted] building located at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, and [redacted] a room there to a group of local Italian-Americans [redacted]

[redacted] added that [redacted] \$65.00 a month rental for the room which is used on weekends, and sometimes on more frequent occasions, for craps games; however, there are no card games or horse-racing bets conducted there as no telephones have been installed in that room in over a year. [redacted] when shown the photograph of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO immediately identified it as being identical with the JOHN RIZZO of Racine, Wisconsin, that frequents the craps games held at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, and is seen in company of a number of men allegedly from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, including one "BUSTER" BALISTRERI.

[redacted] added, however, that he did not know the identities of the other Milwaukee men. He stated that RIZZO claims to be a salesman for the Garbo Motor Sales, 3077 Douglas Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin and at times has checks from that establishment. [redacted] added that the craps games are usually \$50.00 ones but only on a rare occasion has he seen fit to join in on this gambling, and is not aware of what relationship RIZZO has in this operation.

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Reporting Office MILWAUKEE	Office of Origin MILWAUKEE	Date 2/27/61	Investigative Period 1/13/61 - 2/13/61
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka J. La Mont		Report made by SA 	Typed By: SZ
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

Synopsis:

Title is being marked "changed" to reflect addition of the alias of J. La MONT used by RIZZO when registering at the Plaza Hotel, Milwaukee, Wis., on 1/11/55, according to records of the Police Department, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA , Milwaukee, 1/9/61.

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LEADS

MILWAUKEE OFFICE

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

1. Will at the Hertz Corp., 615 N. 5th Street, Milwaukee, identify to whom the vehicle bearing 1961 Wisconsin license Y57-670 was rented on evening of Sunday, 2/12/61. Will thereafter determine that individual's reputation and background and effect search of the records of the Credit

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Bureau and Police Department.

2. Will further identify [redacted]
[redacted] to whom 1961 Wisconsin
license [redacted] is issued and effect searches of the
records of the Police and Credit Bureau for background
data and reputation.

AT APPLETON, WISCONSIN

Will as set forth above for Milwaukee, further identify
[redacted] to whom 1961
Wisconsin license [redacted] is issued, and consider
possibility someone other than herself may have used
her car on 2/12/61.

AT OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN

Will as set forth above for Milwaukee, further identify
[redacted] to whom 1961
Wisconsin license [redacted] is issued, and consider
possibility someone other than herself may have used
her car on 2/12/61.

AT SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN

Will as set forth above for Milwaukee, further identify
[redacted] and [redacted] to whom
1961 Wisconsin license [redacted] is issued.

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

1. Will identify, locate and consider for interview
the principal Italian-American "local" hoodlums in
Kenosha regarding gambling and other activities
engaged in allegedly by the BALISTRIERI mob from
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to determine the extent thereof
and the part played therein by Subject RIZZO.

2. Will as set forth above for Milwaukee, further identify
the following individuals whose vehicles were observed
night of 2/12/61 at Kenosha:

[redacted]
ALBERT ALBANA, 2714 25th St., Kenosha, issued
1961 Wisconsin license #W90-815

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3. Will through confidential informants and other investigative techniques, endeavor to further penetrate Subject RIZZO's activities as they relate to underworld activity in the Kenosha-Racine area.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] /el Office: Milwaukee
Date: February 27, 1961

Field Office File No.: 92-164

Bureau File No.:

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Records of J. I. Case Corp., Racine, Wis. reflect Subject RIZZO born 11/16/07, Pittsburgh, Pa., and worked at J. I. Case 12/17/25 to 10/5/36; was listed as married to JOSEPHINE and formerly resided Rt. 1, Box 9D, and 1529 South St., both Racine. Records, Register of Deeds, Racine, reflect birth of daughter [redacted] while residing at Box 9D address, where also a FRANK RIZZO and a SAM RIZZO resided. SAM RIZZO determined born 6/27/13, Racine to VINCENT RIZZO and ANTONINA RESPANTE, both born Italy and residing Rt. 1, Box 9D address, Racine. Credit Bureau, Racine data reflects Subject RIZZO never employed by Garbo Motor Sales Co., Racine though personally known to [redacted] Records, PD, Mil., Wis. reflect RIZZO born 11/16/10 Pittsburgh, Pa., to VINCENT and HELEN RIZZO, married to JOSEPHINE ZAMBITI, Waukegan, Ill, 1929 and has 2 brothers, TONY, age 52 in 1943 born Racine and MIKE, age 50, in 1943, born Indianapolis, Ind. Arrest history at Mil. Wis. for RIZZO set forth. Investigation reflects numerous telephone contacts made June through November, 1960 to Subject RIZZO's residence, Racine from Gallagher's Restaurant, well known Mil., Wis. hoodlum hangout. Informant also advised RIZZO tied in with FRANK BALISTRERI mob in Milwaukee and operates a "craps" gambling game in Kenosha, Wis. for BALISTRERI and is only contact in Kenosha who will handle sizeable horse bets. Investigation continuing.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

At Racine, Wisconsin:

Employment:

Captain [redacted] Detective Bureau, Police Department,

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City of Racine, on February 9, 1961 advised that the Garbo Motor Sales Co., 3077 Douglas Avenue, Racine is [redacted]

[redacted] Both are legitimate auto dealers in that community whose activities, as far as known, are within the law but it has been the experience of Captain [redacted] in past contacts had with either of the [redacted] that it was not feasible to contact either [redacted] in confidence as they have in the past on at least two occasions gone back and informed the persons contacted about, that the Police made inquiries regarding them, to the resulting embarrassment of the Police Department.

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Racine, on February 10, 1961 advised that an employment contact had been made by the Credit Bureau in February, 1961, relating to JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine, at which time it was determined through [redacted] Garbo Motor Sales Company, 3077 Douglas Avenue, Racine, that RIZZO was personally known to [redacted] however, RIZZO definitely was not an employee of that concern and never has been on the payroll in any capacity. [redacted] also stated that he has no idea where RIZZO is employed or what he does for a living. [redacted] also stated that it was his belief that RIZZO was born in Racine, Wisconsin, and has lived here all of his life, and prior to residing on Emmertson Road for the past year, lived for a number of years at 809 Kingston Avenue, Racine. [redacted] also alleged that RIZZO is married, with wife being named JOSEPHINE, and they have one dependent child. RIZZO was judged to be about 50 years of age according to [redacted]

[redacted] also stated she located an old credit file relating to a JOHN RIZZO, that had been misfiled, a review of which reflected that RIZZO was listed as having lived at the following residences, dates of which, however, were not known:

Route #1, Box 9D, Racine, Wisconsin
1529 South Street, Racine, "
1334 State Street, Racine, "
924 Park Street, Racine, "
809 Kingston Ave., Racine, " (4/49)
1906 Emmertson Rd., Racine, " (5/60)

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Employments set forth for RIZZO in the file, which likewise were not dated, were as follows:

J. I. Case Corp., Racine, Wisconsin
John Hancock Insurance Company, no city listed
J. I. Case, Company, Racine, Wisconsin
State Street Billiards Parlor, Racine, Wisconsin
Tic Toc Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

[redacted] added that in December, 1943, information was furnished the Credit Bureau that RIZZO disputed, but paid, a bill owed the St. Luke's Hospital, Racine, Wisconsin, apparently incurred by his wife. The last activity in file relating to RIZZO, was a credit inquiry made for a local fuel oil company in May, 1955. [redacted] stated that in respect to RIZZO nothing was contained in the credit file reflecting adversely on his credit or paying habits.

[redacted] stated that it was her information that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO was a brother to SAM RIZZO, 2818 Winthrop Avenue, Racine, employed as Secretary for the Union Labor Publishing Co., Inc., publishers of "The Racine Labor," a weekly paper, at 419 6th Street, Racine, and a brother of FRANK RIZZO, 3042 Douglas Avenue, Racine, a sand mixer for the Belle City Malleable Iron Company, Racine, [redacted] [redacted] also advised that SAM RIZZO was very active publicly in the past two campaigns for GERALD T. FLYNN of Racine who ran two years ago and won the First District Congressional Office on the Democratic ticket but lost out in November, 1960, when up for re-election..

[redacted] Personnel and Employment, J. I. Case Corporation, Racine, on February 13, 1961, advised the records of that office revealed that a JOHN RIZZO, born November 16, 1907 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, began employment at J. I. Case on December 17, 1925 as a mailer and worked at varying periods through to October 5, 1936 when he was laid off as an assembler for lack of work. During that period of employment RIZZO quit his job a number of times, the first occurring on 7/1/27, but always returned until his last activity there on October 5, 1936.

[redacted] stated that RIZZO was assigned Clock Number 1287, and resided first at Rural Route #1, Box 9D, South Street, Racine, which was later changed to 1529 South Street, Racine. Wife was identified as JOSEPHINE with one

dependent child. Previous employments were listed as being with the Lepaw Farm, Caledonia; the Ajax Rubber Company; and the Nash Motor Corporation.

[redacted] said that there was also located an old employment record for one FRANK RIZZO, born July 29, 1906 at Caledonia, Wisconsin, who worked at J. I. Case Corporation from March 5, 1923 to May 25, 1938, when he was laid off for lack of work. RIZZO resided first at RD #1, Box 9D, North Racine, Wisconsin, which was later changed to 1529 South Street, Racine. JOHN RIZZO was listed as the person to be notified in case of emergency. FRANK RIZZO was assigned Social Security Number 396-05-5852, and listed his wife as being JOSEPHINE RIZZO.

Birth Data

[redacted] of Deeds Office, Racine County, Court House Building, Racine, on February 13, 1961, advised the records of that Office reflected in Volume 70, Page 371, a record of the birth of one [redacted] female child, on [redacted] to JOHN RIZZO, age 19 years, White, born in Pennsylvania, and employed by J. I. Case Corporation, Racine; and, JOSEPHINE SAMBITY, age 19 years, White, born in Italy, employed for one year until October, 1929, at the Racine Dry Goods Company, Racine, Wisconsin. Residence address listed for the parents was at Route #1, Box 9D, Racine, Wisconsin. R. O. PETERSON, M. D., attended the birth.

The records of the Register of Deeds Office, Racine, also revealed in Volume 59, Page 130, of the birth of SAM RIZZO on June 28, 1913 at Racine to parents VINCENT RIZZO, age 62 years, White, born in Italy, a shoemaker by trade; and, ANTONIA RASPANTE, White, age 54 years, born Italy, a housewife, both residing at Route #1, Box 9D, Racine, Wisconsin.

In addition, data was located under records Volume 82, Page 393, for birth of [redacted] on [redacted] and Volume 106, Page 688, for birth of [redacted]

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A record was also located in Volume 114. Page 440. of the birth of [REDACTED]

Review of the Directory for the City of Racine, Racine, Wisconsin, revealed a FRANK and JOSEPHINE A. RIZZO resided at 3042 Douglas Avenue, Racine, with FRANK employed as a sand mixer for the Belle City Malleable Iron Company, Racine. In addition, [REDACTED] were listed as residing at [REDACTED] with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No listing whatever was set forth for JOHN CHARLES RIZZO.

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

In January, 1961, MI T-1 in connection with another investigation, made available information that a pay phone, Broadway 2-9855 located at Gallagher's Restaurant, 829 North Third Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which location is the principal place of employment for one FRANK PETER BALISTRERI, well known Milwaukee hoodlum, was used to contact Melrose 2-8753, listed in the name of JOHN RIZZO, 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine, Wisconsin. The dates of these contacts were given as occurring on 6/11, 13, 26, 29, 30/60; 7/21, 28, 29, 30/60; 9/23/60; 10/5, 8, 10, 13, 16, 29, 30/60; and almost daily through the month of November, 1960.

Informant also advised that in addition numerous calls were made to a number of Kenosha, Wisconsin telephone numbers during the preceding six month period, including that of number Olympic 4-9931, an unpublished coin-box installation.

At Kenosha, Wisconsin:

On January 27, 1961, MI T-2 advised that Olympic 4-9931 was a coin-box type installation listed in the name of the "56th Street Cigar Store" 2207--56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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Informant added that this installation was disconnected and removed from service on January 26, 1961 together with a business telephone number OLympic 2-9357, located at the same address. Informant also advised that since January 27, 1961 there is no telephone service of any type located at 2207--56th Street, Kenosha, commonly known locally as "the 56th Street Cigar Store."

On January 27, 1961, MI T-3 advised SA [redacted] that the "56th Street Cigar Store," 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, is nothing more than a room rented [redacted] at that location, by a WILLIAM COVELLI, aka "WEISER" for the operation of a gambling establishment. Informant stated that Subject RIZZO acts as the "banker" for a "craps" gambling game held at this location on week-ends which attracts a number of businessmen from the Kenosha, Wisconsin area, with a \$500 pot limit.

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Informant also advised that "BUSTER" BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO, and others out of Milwaukee, Wisconsin have been seen there, and it is the informant's information that WILLIAM COVELLI obtains a ten per cent "cut" with the balance allegedly being taken by RIZZO possibly for the FRANK BALISTRERI mob in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Informant also advised that he has known Subject JOHN RIZZO for a number of years and stated that RIZZO worked at one time for an old time Milwaukee hoodlum named ALTUSSO who in the early and middle 1930's was a big wheel in the Milwaukee area, and at that time operated two joints known as the Vanity Club and the Tic Toc Bar in Milwaukee. Informant said that RIZZO is a "money" man or "banker" primarily and currently is the only contact in Kenosha who will handle any sizeable horse-race bet, with "lay offs" being made in Milwaukee, Wisconsin possibly with the BALISTRERIS.

Informant also advised that he knows of no race wire operations currently existing in Kenosha, Wisconsin itself and while there are horse-bets being made through the "local" gamblers in Kenosha, these are all low-dollar bets, not exceeding \$10, and if anyone wants to place any sizeable bets of more than that amount, no one in Kenosha will touch them except JOHN RIZZO.

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At Racine, Wisconsin:

Review of the "Racine Journal Times," a daily newspaper published at Racine, Wisconsin, conducted on February 13, 1961 at the City of Racine Public Library, reflected an article appearing on page one of the April 17, 1944 issue entitled "OPA Charges Four Racine Men Active in Gas Coupon Ring," under which there was in substance reported that Federal warrants were issued charging counterfeiting of gasoline coupons in which 32 Racine gasoline stations suffered shortages of 29,500 gallons of gasoline represented by counterfeit and improperly endorsed coupons. Four individuals were identified as being receivers, namely: ALPHONSE ANZALONE, 1952½ Prospect Street; D. FISHER, 1732 State Street; CARL IVERSON, 14th and Racine Streets; and the Hansen & Meschke Service Station, all Racine, Wisconsin. A fifth individual being sought as a principal was not identified in the article.

The April 18, 1944, issue of the "Racine Journal Times," page one, carried an article captioned "JOHN RIZZO Surrenders on OPA Charge" under which in substance was set forth the data that RIZZO was charged with being the principal supplier in an alleged counterfeit gas coupon ring in operation at Racine and that RIZZO had surrendered himself at 2:00 PM, April 18, 1944, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to face prosecution on a Federal crime warrant issued on request of the Milwaukee District OPA. RIZZO at the time of surrender appeared with EUGENE SULLIVAN, Milwaukee attorney.

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The April 19, 1944 issue of the "Racine Journal Times," Page 4, carried an article captioned "RIZZO Bond Set at \$1,000" under which in substance was set forth the data that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, age 33 years, Racine small-time gambler, was placed on \$1,000 bond set by F. E. JENKINS, U. S. Commissioner in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on April 18, 1944 on charge of dealing in counterfeit C-2 gas coupons. RIZZO, who formerly resided at 924 Racine Park Avenue, Racine, is charged with being supplier of bogus counterfeit coupons to ALPHONSE ANZALONE of Racine. The article further pointed out that Racine Police and Court records show RIZZO was arrested twice for being an inmate of a gambling house, once in 1937 and in 1941. RIZZO was also fined for violating the auto license law in 1938. A hearing on the OPA charges was to be set for May, 1944.

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin:

On Sunday, February 12, 1961 at 10:26 PM, SA [redacted] observed the following listed automobiles parked on 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, in front of and in the immediate area of the address of 2207 56th Street, commonly known as the "56th Street Cigar Store," which establishment was lighted up but the interior could not be seen due to the lower two-thirds of the front window being obscured by a covering:

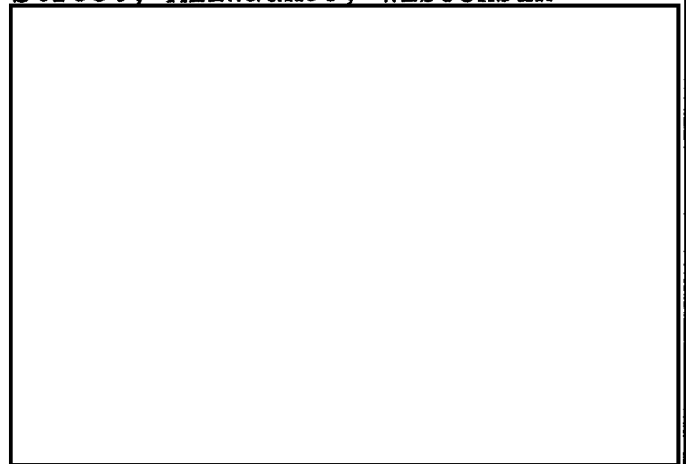
1961 Wisconsin License

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Registered To

The Hertz Corp., 615 North 5th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin



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To the rear of the building at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, there were observed the following two automobiles parked on an area amounting to the back yard of this property:

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ALBERT ALBANA, 2714 25th Street,
Kenosha, Wisconsin

It is to be noted in connection with the above license plates that GRECO's restaurant at 2209 56th Street, Kenosha, was open for business and operating as such at the time these automobiles were observed in the area.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

On January 13, 1961, [redacted] Clerk, Bureau of Identification Milwaukee Police Department, advised her records reflected the following concerning JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, Milwaukee Police Department Number 42336.

Name	JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
Date of Birth	November 16, 1910
Place of Birth	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Height	5'9"
Weight	171
Build	Medium
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Black (greying, wavy)
Eyes	Brown
Remarks	Teeth, gold crowns
FBI #	4004975
Nationality	Italian American
Parents	Father-VINCENT Mother-HELEN
Brother	TONY, age 52 in 1943, Racine, Wis. MIKE, age 50 in 1943, Indianapolis, Indiana
Wife	JOSEPHINE ZAMBITI: Married, Waukegan, Illinois. 1929
Child	[redacted]
Selective Service	Registered Board #2, Racine
Occupation	Billiard parlor operator
Arrest Record:	
Admits arrest about 1935, Racine, Wisconsin, auto speed, \$10.00 fine	
Admits arrest about 1937, Racine, Wisconsin, shooting craps, \$10.00 fine.	

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September 30, 1943 as #42336 PD, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Inmate gambling House, \$10.00 fine costs on October 29, 1943.
April 18, 1944, as 2007 USM, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Transferring Counterfeit C-2 Gas Coupons, Dismissed by US Commissioner, FLOYD JENKINS, June 5, 1944.
October 3, 1945 Auto Speed, \$10.00 Costs, October 4, 1945
April 25, 1946, arrested in gambling raid, 618a East Clybourn, charge inmate gambling house, \$25.00 and costs on June 14, 1946.
When arrested on April 25, 1946 as an inmate of a gambling house at 618a East Clybourn, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the following were also arrested:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>MIPD No.</u>
FRANK MICHAEL BRUNO	3/13/09	822 E. Auer Ave., Milw.	11533
GIACOMO JOHN MANIACI	6/6/11	505 E. Detroit St., Milw.	47277
ROSARIO LANZA	2/19/94	1104 N. Jackson St., Milw.	12301
SANTO CHARLES CURRO	12/18/09	1753 N. Arlington. Milw.	26399
DONOVAN JOSEPH WHALEN	12/17/00	306 Noris Ct., Madison. Wis.	R-25952

Note attached to Milwaukee Police Department #42336 by [redacted] Identification Bureau, dated January 25, 1955: "JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, has been concluded the suspicious person registering January 11, 1955 at Plaza Hotel as J. LaMONT, 816 22nd Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, using 1954 Lincoln car, Wisconsin license V-51-028 listed TONY RIZZO, Racine, Blond woman noticed going to his room."

On February 10, 1961, [redacted] State of Wisconsin District Income Office, County Court House, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised her records reflect the following:

JOHN C. RIZZO, 809 Kingston Ave., Racine, Wisconsin, 1954 Tax return Social Security # 391-22-9098
Occupation, Speculator
Income \$ 2,977.00 Income tax paid \$25.80

1955 Tax return
income \$ 1,461.00 paid \$ 60.84

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1956 Tax return
income \$ 4,687.00

paid \$ 67.30

1957 Tax return
income \$ 4,604.00

paid \$ 65.76

1958 Tax return
income \$ 4,762.00

paid \$ 70.68

1959 Tax return
income \$ 6,445.00

Took itemized deduction and
listed the following:

Christenson Real Estate Co.	\$200
Racine Evangelical Church	50
Red Cross & Miscellaneous	26

[redacted] continued that the wife of JOHN C. RIZZO,
filed for the years 1954 and 1955.

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Tax return 1954
JOSEPHINE Z. RIZZO, 809 Kingston Avenue
Social Security No. 389-16-7820
Occupation: Saleslady, Neisner Bros., Racine, Wisconsin
Income \$1,982.73

Tax return 1955
(same as above)
Income \$ 88.07

On February 10, 1961 [redacted]
[redacted] advised SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE that
the Tic Toc Tavern was operated at 634 North Fifth Street,
Milwaukee, for about eighteen years prior to 1956.

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[redacted] also stated that RIZZO was known as a gambler, but
has not been seen by [redacted] for many years. Nothing was
known specifically of Subject RIZZO's having been arrested
in a gambling raid at the Tic Toc at any time, but RIZZO
might have been so involved at the old Ogden Social Club,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



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Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] at Milwaukee dated February
 27, 1961.

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Reporting Office MILWAUKEE	Office of Origin MILWAUKEE	Date 5/18/61	Investigative Period 3/31-5/15/61
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></div>	Typed By: jah
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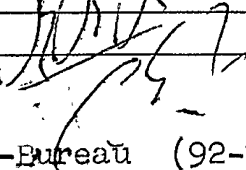
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CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILL.

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1. Will identify the subscribers to the phone numbers of DA 6-6100 contacted 1/30/61, and contacted
2. Will through informants, available sources, and existing reliable contacts, ascertain if these subscribers have hoodlum contacts or are in fact hoodlums themselves.

Approved 	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT KENOSHA, WIS.

1. Will identify [redacted] Operator of Automobile bearing 1961 Wis. license [redacted] to determine the extent, if any, of his knowledge of and activity in the gambling operations at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, Wis.
2. Will identify further through informants and available sources, Subject's connections with [redacted] [redacted] contacted from Subject's residence telephone on 2/26/61.
3. Will similarly identify [redacted] [redacted] contacted twice on 3/3/61 from Subject's residence.

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AT MILWAUKEE, WIS.

1. Will identify the subscriber to telephone #BR 6-3090, contacted on numerous occasions in 1/61, and once on 2/5/61, from Subject's residence telephone.
2. Will through informants and available sources further identify [redacted] contacted from Subject's residence telephone on numerous occasions during Jan. through March, 1961, to determine whether he and the subscriber to BR 6-3090 have hoodlum contacts or are in fact hoodlums themselves.
3. Will at Universal Underwriters, 231 W. Wis. Ave., determine nature, if any, of business dealings had with that concern by Subject RIZZO.

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INFORMANTS

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MI T-2 is [redacted]

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MI T-3 is [redacted]

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Copy to:

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: MILWAUKEE

Date: 5/18/61

Field Office File No.: MI 92-164

Bureau File No.: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Confidential informants advise Subject RIZZO has reopened his dice gambling operation in Kenosha, Wis., but on a limited basis and FRANK BALISTRERI of Milwaukee, Wis., definitely has interest in same. SO, Racine Co., Racine, Wis., reports RIZZO a victim of an armed holdup by one Unsub. on early Sat. morning 4/15/61, at his home, 1906 Emmertson Rd., Racine, as he was returning home from Kenosha. Unsub. had forced his way into house, after cutting telephone wires and threatened Mrs. RIZZO with gun if she attempted to leave. Unsub. had his head covered with a dark brown or black stocking pulled down over his head. RIZZO showed up one hour later after Unsub.'s entry into the house, but did not have more than \$50.00 on his person so Unsub. then took RIZZO's car, which was later found abandoned by RIZZO himself at Oak Creek, Wis., on Highway 38 toward, Milwaukee. RIZZO denied knowledge of identity of Unsub. Telephone toll listings on RIZZO's residence at Racine set forth for period 1/13-4/12/61.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]:

AT OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN

Examination on March 31, 1961, of the 1960 Oshkosh City Directory reflects [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] and he is shown as an employee of Robert Brand and sons, working as a cabinet maker.

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It was indicated that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

AT AUGUSTA, WISCONSIN

On April 7, 1961, [REDACTED] Peoples State Bank, Augusta, advised that [REDACTED] has been a resident
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On April 7, 1961, MI T-1 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHNNY RIZZO has reopened his dice gambling game at Kenosha, Wisconsin, as he feels that the "heat" is off, but he is operating on a rather limited basis on Friday and Sunday nights. The informant stated BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO still go to Kenosha and supervise the game there as FRANK BALISTRIERI's representatives. MI T-1 stated FRANK BALISTRIERI definitely has a big "piece" in this gambling operation and receives a cut from the winnings.

AT RACINE, WISCONSIN

On April 18, 1961, [REDACTED] Sheriff's Office, Racine County, made available to SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED], a report of investigation conducted by Detectives [REDACTED]

[redacted] and [redacted] of the Racine County Sheriff's Office, dated April 15, 1961, a review of which set forth, in substance, the following information:

On April 15, 1961, at approximately 7:30 AM, a [redacted] of the Racine Private Police Inc., of 2048 Clark Street, Racine, contacted the dispatcher of the Sheriff's Office, Racine County, telephonically that someone during the early morning hours on that date broke into the garage of JOHN C. RIZZO at 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine, Wisconsin, and stole RIZZO's 1958 Lincoln sedan, bearing Wis. license Y50280, green, and also severed the telephone wires at the RIZZO home. [redacted] added that one of his men by the name of [redacted] of [redacted] had been checking the residence of JOHN RIZZO for the Racine Private Police Inc., and had done so late Friday night, April 14, 1961, and early Saturday morning, April 15, 1961, but did not see anything unusual. [redacted] added at approximately 5:25 AM on April 15, 1961, the Racine Private Police Inc. received a call from JOHN RIZZO informing that office that his car had been stolen, and accordingly [redacted] had [redacted] go to the RIZZO house where RIZZO informed [redacted] that someone had stolen his car and requested [redacted] to help RIZZO to look for it. [redacted] stated the two drove around the area for about an hour without success and on the return to the RIZZO home [redacted] was awaiting them there. [redacted] and Mr. RIZZO departed to again look for the automobile and while in the company of [redacted], RIZZO stated the Unknown Subject that had taken his car made the remark he would leave it on Highway 38, but a search of that highway was made with negative results in locating the automobile, so [redacted] informed RIZZO he was going to report to the sheriff's office theft of the car, which he did at 7:30 AM, on April 15, 1961. [redacted] later called the Sheriff's Office at approximately 9:30 PM on April 15, 1961, and stated RIZZO had informed the Racine Private Police Inc., that he had found his automobile.

[redacted] the Racine Private Police Inc., approximately three weeks before, had been requested by JOHN RIZZO, residing at 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine, to check the RIZZO home on Friday nights with arrangements to be made of a check at 11:00 PM, at 1:30 AM and again at 2:30 AM. There was also a prearranged system worked out with Mrs. JOHN RIZZO that she was to place a card in the window of her home if everything was alright, but if the card was down the Private Police were to come into the home even if they had to break in.

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The report of the Racine County Sheriff's Office further revealed that when Detectives [] and [] interviewed Mrs. JOSEPHINE RIZZO at her home at 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine on April 15, 1961, she advised that at approximately 3:30 AM, on that date she was sitting in the television room located on the southwest corner of the residence. She stated she heard a glass break on the rear door which is located in the same room that she was sitting in and when she went to the telephone to call the Sheriff's Office, she discovered the phone was out of order, and by this time a man forced his way into the house by pushing the door open causing the casing around the door to be pulled away from the force used on effecting the entry.

According to Mrs. RIZZO she described the Unknown Subject as follows:

Age	35 years
Height	5'9"-10"
Weight	190-200
Characteristic	Wearing medium brown stocking pulled over his face and head light beige jacket with trousers of the same shade of brown and black shoes

Mrs. RIZZO stated this man had been drinking as she detected a strong odor of alcohol on him. She also advised the Unknown Subject was holding a gun in his hand and informed Mrs. RIZZO not to be afraid and not to try to get out of the house to call her neighbors. From the description of the gun given by Mrs. RIZZO, the Unknown Subject apparently had an automatic and kept stroking the gun like he would be cocking it. The Unknown Subject was in the home for about one hour's time during which he walked around the room and opened the refrigerator, always carrying the gun. Mrs. RIZZO stated when her husband JOHN came home at about 4:30 AM, and opened the garage door, the Unknown Subject went out the back door to meet him, but she was unable to furnish any additional information as she did not know what went on between this man and her husband.

Detectives [] and [] further set forth that their investigation disclosed that someone had smashed the glass in the storm door on the west side of the house and forced the inner door to gain entrance. There were also several sets of

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footprints on the south side of the house where the telephone line had been cut.

The Sheriff's Office report for April 16, 1961, reflected [redacted] and [redacted] interviewed JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine at the Sheriff's Office at approximately 10:00 AM on that date, RIZZO born November 16, 1910, advised he runs a crap game in Kenosha on Friday and Sunday nights and when he came home between 5:45 and 6:00 AM on the morning of April 15, 1961, and drove his car into the garage, he was met while still in the car by an unknown white male, age about 40, 5'11", 190 pounds, carrying what appeared to be an automatic in his hand and wearing a black stocking over his head and face with a knot in the stocking tied at the top of his head. RIZZO stated the unknown man stated "JOHN get out of car and don't try any funny stuff and no one will get hurt". After RIZZO got out of the automobile, the Unknown Subject asked "where is the money" and was told to empty out his pockets. RIZZO stated he emptied his pockets on the fender of the car and had about \$50.00 in bills and said that was all the money he had on his person and could not be sure, but believed he also made the remark "that he didn't carry the other money" meaning the crap game money, "home with him". The Unknown Subject did not take the \$50.00, but asked RIZZO for the keys to the automobile which were in the ignition. The Unknown Subject then got into the car and informed RIZZO that he would leave the automobile on Highway 38, following which he backed it out of the garage and drove north on the Emmertson Road in the direction of Highway 38.

RIZZO stated the Unknown Subject was very polite using good English and appeared to be a smooth talker. RIZZO also stated he detected a strong odor of alcohol on the Unknown Subject's breath, but denied knowing him or recognizing him as anyone he had ever seen before. RIZZO stated after the Unknown Subject departed, he went into the house and talked to his wife for about ten minutes and then went to a neighbor's home where he called the Racine Private Police Inc. and one of their representatives came to his home and with this individual they checked Highway 38 north to the Milwaukee County line for the automobile with negative results. RIZZO also informed the Sheriff's Office that when he returned home he tried to sleep, but couldn't and then called a friend whose name he refused to furnish to help him look for his automobile. They located the missing car on Highway 38 in Oak Creek township on the west side of the road

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across from the St. John's Church. RIZZO stated the muffler on the automobile was ruined and the glove compartment had been broken into with a pair of 6 x 35 power binoculars, black in color, being removed and stolen from the glove compartment. Value of the binoculars was estimated at \$20.00. The ignition keys were in the ignition of the car when it was found by Mr. RIZZO and he immediately called the Racine Private Police Inc., from Oak Creek Township to cancel the notice of the car being stolen.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On April 24, 1961, MI T-2, advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHNNY RIZZO is still operating the crap game in Kenosha, Wisconsin and also [redacted] at the Rite-Spot Tavern in Kenosha has also opened up. MI T-2 advised BUSTER BALESTRERE generally supervises the crap game run by RIZZO on Friday and Sunday nights as the representative of FRANK BALISTRIERI, but he has not been going to Kenosha on the past two weekends as he learned or heard that the authorities in Kenosha are watching the place and obtaining license numbers on automobiles.

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

Chief STANLEY HAUKEHAHL, Police Department, City of Kenosha, on May 10, 1961, advised SA [redacted], that he had contacted [redacted]

May 4, 1961 and requested [redacted] to consider cancelling his lease with WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO for rental of that store space at \$75.00 per month. [redacted] informed HAUKEHAHL that before making any decision, he preferred to wait until he had an opportunity to first hear COVELLI and RIZZO's side of their story as to the gambling setup run by them at this location.

Chief HAUKEHAHL said he accordingly contacted WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO in [redacted] presence on May 5, 1961, at which time both COVELLI and RIZZO denied emphatically that their gambling game held at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, was anything more than locally operated and was considered a "peanut operation" with RIZZO having but \$1,000.00 available to back it up.

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RIZZO also denied that anyone else other than WILLIAM COVELLI had any "cut" in the game and said BUSTER BALESTRERE had been brought down from Milwaukee, Wisconsin a couple of times, solely because he was hard up and they gave him \$15.00 a night to help out in the operation. According to Chief HAUKE DAHL, RIZZO stated petty gambling has been conducted by him at this location for nearly fourteen years and it was never meant to be shared with any outside gamblers and the rumors that FRANK BALISTRIERI of Milwaukee had an interest or "piece" of the game were completely untrue. RIZZO also denied knowing the identity of the man that held him up at his home on April 15, 1961, and also denied that he had informed the Racine Sheriff's Office Investigators that he was running a crap game at Kenosha on Friday and Sunday nights.

Chief HAUKE DAHL added that WILLIAM COVELLI backed up RIZZO's story and as a result of their combined remarks [redacted] in- b6 b7C
formed Chief HAUKE DAHL that he, [redacted] could not and would not force them out of their rent agreement with him inasmuch as he was inclined to believe it was entirely a local game being operated.

Chief HAUKE DAHL said he informed both COVELLI and RIZZO that their continued operation in the City of Kenosha was intolerable to him and his department and they could expect the logical consequences of prosecution should they choose to continue their operations in the city.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On May 11, 1961, MI T-3 furnished SA (A) ALBERT G. MACDONALD the following list of toll calls made or received at [redacted]

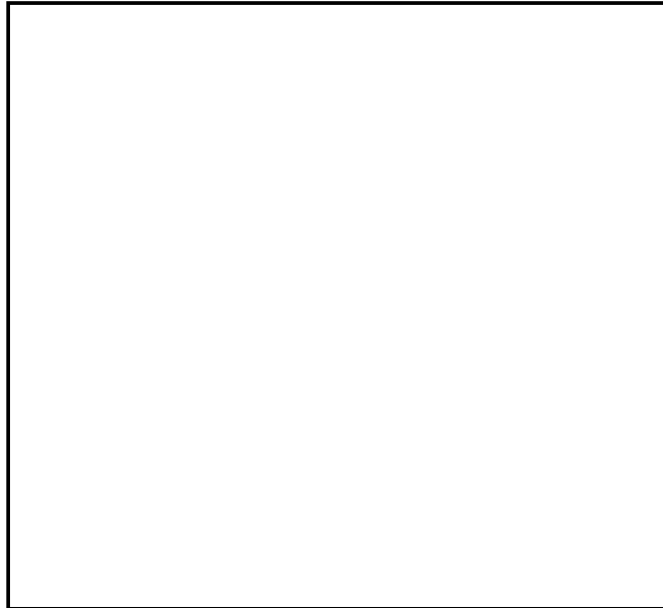
[redacted] subscribed to by [redacted]

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On May 11, 1961, MI T-3 made available the information that the identity of the subscribers to the Milwaukee listings set forth above are as follows:



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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On May 15, 1961, MI T-4 made available the identities of the following subscribers at Kenosha, Wisconsin, whose numbers were set forth above:



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In connection with another investigation, occasion was had to identify Mrs. JOHN CONLEY at 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, subscriber to Kenosha Olympic 4-5036, and the following results were obtained:

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Kenosha, on May 10, 1961, advised the records of that concern reflect that a JOHN and JULIA CONLEY, 5314 25th Avenue, Kenosha, had been known since prior to October, 1940, with Mr. CONLEY's birthdate listed as February 16, 1896, and he was formerly associated as a partner at the Ruffalo Decorating Company, Kenosha, for two years as a painter and decorator. b6 b7C

[redacted] added that as of December 10, 1946, Mr. CONLEY listed a wife JULIA and one dependent child and as of October 8, 1956, listed only his wife as dependent with occupation again set forth as a painter. The CONLEYS were not general seekers of credit and accordingly little information was had as to their backgrounds. [redacted] stated in a report made April 20, 1960, to the Credit Bureau of Milwaukee, Mrs. JOHN CONLEY was referred to as a widow residing at 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, and being then over 60 years of age with nothing derogatory known regarding her credit or character. [redacted] added that JOHN CONLEY of 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, died of a heart attack on March 6, 1959, at the age of 63 years at Kenosha, and his parents were identified at the time of his death as being ANTONIO and MAGGIE CONTI, both deceased. b6 b7C

[redacted] further stated that JULIA CONLEY is a sister to the mother of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI, 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha. She further stated that JULIA CONLEY [redacted] b6 b7C



It is to be noted in regard to the address of Mrs. JULIA CONLEY at 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, that this is located, but one block from the 56th Street Cigar Store location at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, and it is therefore possible that her telephone is being used by her nephew, WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI.



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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
May 18, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. MI 92-164

Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA
 dated and captioned as above

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office MILWAUKEE	Office of Origin MILWAUKEE	Date April 12/61	Investigative Period 2-13-61 - 3-30-61
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka J. LaMont, John Marino		Report made by SA [REDACTED]	Typed By: SZ
		CHARACTER OF CASE ANTI-RACKETEERING	

Synopsis:

The title of this case is being marked "CHANGED" to reflect the additional name of JOHN MARINO used by Subject in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1957 according to information furnished at that time by Lt. [REDACTED] of the Police Department, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

REFERENCES

Report of [REDACTED], Milwaukee dated 2/27/61.

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LEADS

MILWAUKEE OFFICE

At Kenosha, and Racine, Wisconsin

1. Will further identify the following individuals whose vehicles were observed night of 3/3/61 in vicinity of 2207 56th Street, Kenosha:

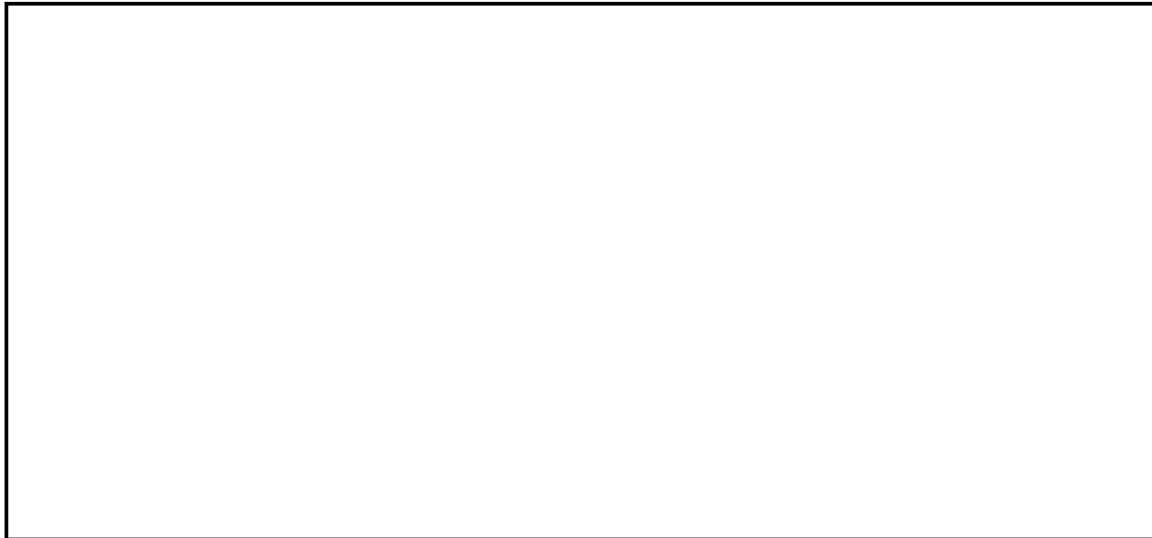
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2. Will through confidential informants and other investigative techniques, continue efforts to further penetrate Subject RIZZO's activities as they relate to gambling and racket operations in the Kenosha - Racine, Wisconsin area.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The following information based on review of the indices of the Milwaukee Office relating to JOHN RIZZO is being set forth in the administrative section of this report as background information, the nature of which is either not clear in the files as to the identity of the source obtained from or to whom and the date furnished yet appears pertinent as to RIZZO's activities as a gambler in the Milwaukee Office Division:

[redacted] for the period of April through October 1954 relating to the general investigative intelligence file, advised that [redacted] (probably [redacted]) who [redacted] "Cookie's Cigar store", 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, Wis., operates a dice game every Friday night starting at 11:00 PM and this game is "banked" by JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, 809 Kingston Ave., Racine, Wis., who is allegedly owner of the Tic Toc Club in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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A memorandum by SA [redacted], of Milwaukee, in July, 1945, in connection with case entitled "Suspects suspected in connection with interstate shipment thefts" set forth the data that the "OGDEN SOCIAL" group in Milwaukee was suspected by the police department of Milwaukee as being involved in various thefts around Milwaukee, Wis., and was believed headed by the [redacted] mob who are all believed members of

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this Ogden Social Group. Two other individuals in Racine were noted by the Milwaukee police to be closely tied in with the Ogden Social Club, namely [redacted] of [redacted], and JOHN RIZZO, 924 Park Ave., Racine, Wis.

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The General Investigative Intelligence file for the Milwaukee Office for the period of June through November, 1944, under caption of "Gambling" reflected the information that the Broadway Social Club, 432 North Broadway, Milwaukee, was operated by JOHN RIZZO, a known pimp and gambler and is a gambling establishment used as a bookie joint and operating dice and poker games.

INFORMANTS

Identity

Location

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MI T-2 is [redacted]
PCI

MI [redacted]

MI T-3 is [redacted]
MI T-4 is [redacted]

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MI [redacted] (2);
MI 94-28-1593 (2);
MI 92-164-14

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MI T-6 is [redacted] PCI

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: April 12, 1961

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Field Office File No.: 92-164

Bureau File No.: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI - RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Additional background relating to Subject, JOHN CHARLES RIZZO's connections with racket and gambling activities in Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha, Wisconsin, including long established association had with FRANK BALISTRIERI of Milwaukee set forth. Informants advised RIZZO, under supervision BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DiSALVO, operates "craps", gambling game at 56th Street Cigar Store, 2207 56th St., Kenosha on Friday and Sunday nights. BUSTER BALESTRERE of Milwaukee identified as obtaining 1961 Ford, bearing 1961 Wis. license Y57-670 from Hertz Co., Milwaukee, for period 2/10-13/61. Informant MI T-3 advised gambling situation in Kenosha "up in air" as result of armed holdup on 2/18/61 of "craps" game above Write Spot Tavern, Kenosha, in which \$4500 was obtained by four men which was believed fingered by BALISTRIERI mob and brought about much publicity and local police pressure resulting in all gambling being shut down for a short period of time. In addition, Sheriff's Office Kenosha, cracked down on gambling by visiting four locations within the city of Kenosha on weekend 3/18/61 threatening raids if gambling not stopped, resulting in friction arising with city police over such action by the SO, however, despite these developments, RIZZO's game re-opened on "sneak" basis on Friday night, 3/24/61 and Sunday night, 3/26/61.

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DETAILS

BACKGROUND

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Records of the Milwaukee Police Department, there number 42336 contain a photograph of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, dated September 30, 1943, in connection with a charge made of inmate of gambling house for which he paid \$10.00 fine and costs on October 29, 1943 and was described as being then age 32 years, born November 16, 1910 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, white male, 5'9", 171 pounds, build medium, hair chestnut and graying, eyes brown, complexion dark, and assigned FPC 14 0 13 R 000 18.
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On December 14, 1953, a news clipping appearing in the Kenosha Evening News, a daily newspaper published at Kenosha, Wisconsin, bearing caption "Two Fined On Gaming Charges" carried the story of a raid conducted by the Kenosha Police Department on Friday night of a phony cigar store charging two individuals as operators, namely ANTHONY CONTI, age 36, Route #4 Box 77, and JEFFERY COVELLI, age 32, of 1713 27th Street, both Kenosha, Wisconsin. Amongst fourteen other men, named as booked as being inmates in this raid and appearing in Municipal Court at Kenosha, Wisconsin, was the name of JOHN RIZZO, age 43, of 809 Kingston Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin, who entered a plea of innocent. Bond of \$500.00 was continued for hearing set on January 4, 1954.

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On April 25, 1955, MI T-1 advised SA [] that JOHNNIE RIZZO, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, comes to Kenosha each weekend and banks a card and poker game at "Cookie's Place", 2208 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Informant advised that the games are large and one person recently dropped \$3,000.

In March, 1957, Lieutenant [], Police Department, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised that while he was conducting an investigation to locate one [] for whom he had a Fugitive warrant, he learned on a tip that the Fugitive was probably located at 1240 North Astor Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and on arrival there found this to be a very plush gambling joint. with only one person at the time present, namely a []
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Lieutenant [] stated that [] refused admission so a search warrant was obtained and forced entry made into the building and at this time, it was learned the [] was one [] of [] Lieutenant [] later learned that a JOHN RIZZO of 924 Park Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin, had an interest in this plush gambling joint and that RIZZO used the alias of [] and has police department, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, assigned to him and that this RIZZO is a relative of another [] first name unknown. []

On February 21, 1958, MI T-2, advised SA [] that JOHNNIE RIZZO was among the associates of FRANK BALISTRERI of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and that RIZZO operated a gambling joint on the east side in Milwaukee and that FRANK BALISTRERI use to send his girls over there for \$10.00 per night. Informant also advised that RIZZO then was operating a gambling joint in Kenosha, Wisconsin, which is run behind a cigar counter and restaurant and the gambling game is run only on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, with a split of 75% for RIZZO and 25% to the local operator of the cigar counter. Informant did not know the address of this gambling spot in Kenosha, Wisconsin, but felt able to locate it.

On March 20, 1958, [] Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised SAS [] and RICHARD C. THOMPSON that JOHNNIE RIZZO of Racine, Wisconsin, was a friend of FRANK BALISTRERI and is a gambler but is not to be confused with a [] of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

On July 14, 1959, MI T-4, advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHNNIE RIZZO of Kenosha, Wisconsin, controls gambling in that area.

On March 16, 1960, MI T-4, advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that in regard to FRANK BALISTRERI's operations, there was supposedly a considerable amount of "heat" on in Kenosha in regard to gambling and that JOHNNIE RIZZO is in charge of the gambling at Louis Greco's Place in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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Informant added that until things clear up in Kenosha, Wisconsin, gambling there is allegedly off limits and that members of the Balistrieri organization, including BUSTER BALESTRERE have remained away from that area.

On January 26, 1960, MI T-3, advised SA [redacted] [redacted], that the Balistrieri gang from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, had taken over Kenosha, Wisconsin, in so far as "craps" games are concerned and has squeezed out most of the former local dice operators entirely. The Balistrieri operation started about one and a half years ago, when one of their front men from Racine, Wisconsin, by the name of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO bought out [redacted] [redacted] and the two [redacted] boys, [redacted]

Informant stated that [redacted]

[redacted]

On February 14, 1961, MI T-5, advised SA [redacted] that the only possible connection between JOHN RIZZO and "BUSTER" BALESTRERE would be that of gambling but that neither person had much money; therefore, it would be of a minor nature.

On February 13, 1961, [redacted] U.S. Attorney's Office, Federal Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised that her records reflect that complaint 3610 on JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, the complaint being for Transferring Counterfeit Gasoline Coupons, was dismissed by the United States Commissioner on June 5, 1944.

On February 13, 1961, [redacted] United States Secret Service, Federal Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised her records reflect the following:

File J-9-30215
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, arraigned on June 5, 1944, and at

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preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner, [redacted], complaint was dismissed because of lack of evidence, the offense being Counterfeit C-2 gasoline ration coupon distribution.

[redacted] stated the files reflect a reference to [redacted] who was implicated in the case in that [redacted] purchased the counterfeit coupons from RIZZO for resale.

[redacted] added the file reflects the following concerning RIZZO:

Father-in-law	CHARLES ZARNITI, Racine, Wisconsin
Father	VINCENT RIZZO
Brothers	TONY RIZZO MIKE RIZZO, Indianapolis, Indiana FRANK RIZZO, Racine, Wisconsin SAM RIZZO, Racine, Wisconsin
Daughter	[redacted] age 12 in 1943
Friends and Associates	[redacted]
Employment	J.I. Case Company, Racine, Wisconsin, 1922-30 Self Operated Pool Hall, 1336 State Street, Racine, Wisconsin 1936-38 El Dumbo Tavern, 800 block North Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 1938-40 as assistant manager
Education	North Racine Grade School, 8th grade completed

Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce Credit Bureau records were reviewed by SA [redacted] on February 14, 1961 and failed to reflect a JOHN CHARLES RIZZO.

MI T-6, on March 4, 1961, advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that FRANK BALISTRERI is "backing" JOHN RIZZO in his gambling at Kenosha, Wisconsin, and that BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DiSALVO make trips to Kenosha on weekends to supervise the gambling at RIZZO's place and to see that FRANK BALISTRERI gets his "cut". Informant added that RIZZO is strictly running a "craps" game now with a \$500 limit and also takes horse race bets. Informant alleged

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that he understood that RIZZO has an arrangement with the Kenosha Police Department and he is only allowed to run the game a certain number of hours two days a week. Informant stated that RIZZO no longer has any horse line running into his gambling place.

MI T-6 further advised that an individual by the name of [] whose first name he believes is [] and who lives in Kenosha, Wisconsin, operates a poker game at a place approximately five blocks from the gambling place operated by JOHNNIE RIZZO, but he has never been to [] place and does not know its exact location.

MI T-6, also stated that he has learned that the Antioch Illinois Gang has opened up gambling at a tavern in back of Fosslands, an eating place just across the Wisconsin line in Illinois on Highway I-94. Informant stated that this place is running "craps" and card games and that horse race lines are run into the place.

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

On Friday, March 3, 1961, at 10:20 PM, SAS [] and [] observed the following listed automobiles parked in the immediate area of the address of 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, commonly known as the "56th Street Cigar Store" which establishment from the front was unlighted:

1961 Wisconsin License

Registered to

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Review of the 1960 City of Kenosha Directory reflected that [REDACTED] Wisconsin was listed as Captain of the Police Department, City of Kenosha. The only listing for a [REDACTED] was that of residence at [REDACTED] employment not listed and wife identified as [REDACTED] employed by the Better Vending Service.

MI T-4, on March 6, 1961, advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that wide open gambling has been started at Fossland's Restaurant and Tavern located on the east side of U.S. Highway I-94, just over the Wisconsin-Illinois State Line in the State of Illinois and that this is being [REDACTED] of Antioch, Illinois for "craps" games, poker games and a broadcasting service for horse racing. Informant added that JOHNNIE RIZZO closed up his dice game at Kenosha on a temporary basis about February 17, 1961, due to pressure put on him by the Police Department and the owner of the Write Spot Tavern in Kenosha, which is [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] of the Write Spot Tavern, with the game being operated in rooms located above the tavern on the second floor.

MI T-4, stated that the dice game held above the Write Spot Tavern was held up by four individuals who obtained approximately \$5,000 and [REDACTED] blamed the Italian Organization as having arranged the holdup, in order to put him out of business as he was in direct competition with JOHNNIE RIZZO at the 56th Cigar Store location. Informant added that BALISTRIERI's Organization has discovered that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who were arrested by the Kenosha Police Department for the Milwaukee Police, in connection with armed holdup of a tavern in Milwaukee, allegedly were behind the holdup of the Write Spot dice game in Kenosha and that the identity of the other two participants in that holdup are also known to the Organization and that they intend to locate them to teach them a good lesson and also to make them return the money that was taken in order to show [REDACTED] of Kenosha, that the Balistrieris had nothing whatever to do with the planning of that holdup.

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and robbery. Informant advised that as soon as the heat is off in Kenosha, JOHNNIE RIZZO will open up again with his "craps" game at the 56th Street Cigar Store location and that BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DISALVO are to supervise it. BILL COVELLI has an interest in that game and there is also a possibility that his brother may be likewise given an interest.

On March 11, 1961, MI T-3, advised that four holdup men held up the "craps" game on the second floor of the Write Spot, 1213 55th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, which game is being [redacted] of Kenosha, Wisconsin. Informant stated that this robbery occurred on February 18, 1961, with a loss of approximately \$4500 including that taken from some ten to twelve patrons between 1:00 AM and 2:00 AM in the morning.

MI T-3 stated that the local Kenosha gamblers are fully convinced that the Balistrieri Boys, consisting of BUSTER BALESTRERE, [redacted] and STEVE DISALVO fingered this job and hired some punks out of Milwaukee to pull it because of the opposition the Write Spot was giving to the 56th Street Cigar Store "craps" game run by JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, for the Balistrieris'. Informant stated that this holdup depleted the funds of the banker at the Write Spot thus seriously handicapping the game [redacted] and in addition focus the attention of the public and police authorities to the gambling situation in Kenosha making it too hot at the present for anyone to operate and this includes the 56th Street Cigar Store game at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, run by RIZZO. Informant also stated that the gambling situation in Kenosha probably will not open on a very wide basis for some time to come as the Kenosha Police Department are really making it rough with a full investigation being conducted as to gambling in Kenosha as a result of the publicity appearing in the newspapers regarding this particular holdup.

On March 22, 1961, Sheriff FLOYD HUGHES, Kenosha County, Kenosha, Wisconsin, advised SA [redacted] that as a result of a telephone conversation had on March 20, 1961, with Inspector [redacted] Police Department, Kenosha, Wisconsin, in which Inspector [redacted] protested the action taken by the Sheriff's Office in detailing four deputies on the weekend of March 18, 1961, to personally visit the gambling sites located at the 56th Street Cigar Store, 2207 56th Street; the Kenosha Athletic Club at 618 57th Street; the Write Spot Tavern at 1213 55th Street, second floor, [redacted] and a gambling location

at the Badger Hotel run by [redacted] at Kenosha, all located within the city limits of Kenosha, Wisconsin. The purpose of these visits was to warn the participants at these various locations that all gambling must cease and in the event such action was not stopped, immediate efforts would be taken by the Sheriff's Office to raid and padlock them. Sheriff HUGHES advised that Inspector [redacted] protestes were made because the Sheriff's Office conducted these visits within the city limits which had the effect of putting the police department on the spot at a time when chief of police, STANLEY HAUKE DAHL was out of the city on vacation at Miami Beach, Florida.

Sheriff HUGHES added that the result of this telephone conversation was the direction of a letter addressed to Mr. STANLEY HAUKE DAHL, Chief of Police, Kenosha, Wisconsin, attention [redacted] Inspector, and contained the following information:

"Dear Sir:

"In regards to our phone conversation, 2:30 PM this date, I wish to inform you that I have been receiving all together to many anonymous phone calls pertaining to gambling in the city of Kenosha. It is certainly becoming very annoying to both myself and my family, and as you well know, ignorance of what is going on in the city of Kenosha is no excuse for the Sheriff, who is the chief law enforcement officer of Kenosha County.

"I hope you will take care of this matter immediately so that it will not be necessary for me to take further action.

"Very truly yours,

"/s/ Floyd J. Hughes,
Sheriff"

Sheriff HUGHES added that in addition to the four locations within the city of Kenosha, he also had his deputies on the weekend of March 18, 1961, also visit [redacted] located at the back of Red Leonard's Tap on Highway 32, located North of the Wisconsin-Illinois State Line

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in Kenosha County and approximately some 55 yards from the Fossland's Service Station. Sheriff HUGHES added that the purpose of the letter was to give Inspector [] of the Police Department, city of Kenosha, a written basis to take some direct action on the part of the city police in respect to the gambling locations within the city limits of the city of Kenosha.

MI T-4, on March 24, 1961, advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that BUSTER BALESTRERE usually on trips outside of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he uses a Hertz Rental car, as he has found that such an automobile is more difficult to trace and he fears law enforcement obtaining his license number and thus knowing where he is going. BALESTRERE personally owns a fairly new model automobile make of which is not known, bearing 1961 Wisconsin license E21-157 and that he lives at 1634 North Jackson Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he parks his automobile to the rear of that location. Informant added that JOHNNIE RIZZO re-opened his dice game in Kenosha at 2207 56th Street on the weekend of March 17, 1961, on belief the "heat" was off and that BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DiSALVO are seen in Kenosha on Friday and Sunday nights supervising this game. Informant added that the gambling joint located across the Illinois Wisconsin State Line in Illinois near U.S. Highway I-94 is actually the "old homestead" located across from Fossland's Restaurant and Service Station on Highway U.S. 41 and there all types of gambling are being run and that all a person has to use as a pass word is "I am from Milwaukee" to be admitted. [] of Antioch, Illinois, definitely has part of this gambling operation with race wire service brought into the location.

On March 30, 1961, MI T-3, advised SA [] that the gambling situation in Kenosha, Wisconsin, is all mixed up as a result of [] of a gambling spot in the rear of Red Leonard's Tavern on Highway 32 near the Wisconsin-Illinois State Line, earlier in the month of March, 1961. [] for a considerable time []

[] but was practically shut down by the 56th Street Cigar Store crowd inasmuch as [] within the city limits of Kenosha, Wisconsin, when the latter organization considered its territory. Informant advised that [] former detective with the city police department, now [] of Kenosha County, Wisconsin, for years has been close to []

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MI T-3, stated that [REDACTED] then "beefed" to the city police department in Kenosha and threatened to expose all the gambling places operating in the city as these were being apparently permitted to operate while he wasn't allowed to do so. This was followed shortly thereafter by Sheriff FLOYD HUGHES ordering undersheriff [REDACTED] and three deputies to personally visit the Write Spot, the 56th Street Cigar Store, the Badger Hotel, and the Kenosha Athletic Club at 618 57th Street, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] all in the city limits of Kenosha, with orders to shut down all gambling or raids would be conducted by the Sheriff's Office. These visits were made on the weekend of March 18, 1961 and created much hard feelings between the Sheriff's Office and the city police department, however, despite these warnings the 56th Street Cigar Store still ran "craps" games on Friday night, March the 24th and Sunday night, March 26, 1961, on a "sneak" basis but that the other joints in the city limits of Kenosha, including the Write Spot closed down and did not re-open.

MI T-3 said that the possibility exists if police pressure continues that the Balistrieri operation at 2207 56th Street, commonly known as the 56th Street Cigar Store, Kenosha, might shut down, but really would only move elsewhere in the city and it is here that real trouble could come in Kenosha particularly if they attempted to take over one of the other rival spots, such as the Write Spot or even [REDACTED] at 618 57th Street. Kenosha, as there is real hatred between [REDACTED] and all the other operators in the city of Kenosha including the 56th Street Cigar Store as they all blame [REDACTED] for the present "heat" now going on in Kenosha as to gambling with the sheriff's office and city police all riled up.

MI T-3 stated that a small "book" is being operated at Art and Buff's Barber Shop, 1321 63rd Street, Kenosha, by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] "laying" off in North Chicago, Illinois, possibly through [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who is [REDACTED] contact. Informant also said that [REDACTED]

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Kenosha and that [REDACTED] is a former runner for the
West Side Italian crowd at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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MISCELLANEOUS INVESTIGATION

The following investigation was conducted by SA []

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On March 9, 1961, [] Hertz Company, 615 North 5th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised that the 1961 Wisconsin License Y57-670 was for a 1961 Ford fordor, red and white which was rented on February 10, 1961 at 5:15 PM to a [] no address. [] advised that the rental contract (#5256833) indicated that the car was picked up and signed for by a BUSTER BALESTRERE, Wisconsin Driver's License 1041473, which expires November 16, 1961. [] said that the invoice indicated that the mileage out was 231, in at 320, for a total of 89 miles and charges of \$24.40. The car was returned to the Hertz Company on February 13, 1961 at 1:24 AM. [] said that [] was the rental clerk who prepared the above mentioned invoice.

On March 9, 1961, [] Hertz Company, advised that she was on duty on February 10, 1961 and that sometime late in the afternoon, [] telephoned and said that he was sending someone over to pick up a car and that he would stand good for the bill. She said that shortly after 5:00 PM an individual who was unknown to her came in and identified himself as the person who [] called about a car for. She said that he produced a driver's license issued to a BUSTER BALESTRERE, initialed collision insurance clause "B.B." and signed the invoice BUSTER BALESTRERE. [] advised that she remembered this rental arrangement because of the fact that BALESTRERE's first name on his driver's license was BUSTER which seemed kind of unusual to her as she always thought of this name as a nickname. She said that she felt certain that she would be able to identify BALESTRERE if she would see him again.

[] advised that it was not unusual for [] to call and make arrangements for someone else to pick up a car, as he had done this many times in the past, although, she could not recall who the individuals were that had previously picked up cars for []



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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], at Milwaukee on April 12, 1961

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO- DIRECTOR, FBI /92-5012/ ATTN- [REDACTED]
FROM- SAC, MILWAUKEE /92-164/ 2 PAGES

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AKA, AR. REBUCALL TODAY. MI FIVE THREE EIGHT-C
ON JAN. TWENTYSIX, NINETEEN SIXTY, IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL
INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE, KENOSHA, WIS. AREA, MI FILE
NINE FOUR DASH TWO EIGHT, ADVISED SA [REDACTED]

IN THAT THE FRANK BALISTRIERI GANG FROM MILWAUKEE,
WIS. HAD DEFINITELY TAKEN OVER KENOSHA, WIS. INSOFAR AS
CRAPS GAMES WERE CONCERNED AND HAD SQUEEZED OUT MOST OF
THE FORMER LOCAL CRAPS OPERATORS ENTIRELY. JOHN CHARLES

RIZZO, RACINE, WIS., WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE ONE ACTING FOR JUN 13 1961
THE BALISTRIERI GANG WHICH TOOK NINETY PERCENT OF THE GAME
WITH TEN PERCENT LEFT TO [REDACTED] KENOSHA, WIS. IN
RELATION TO RACE-WIRE SERVICE, INFORMANT ADVISED KENOSHA

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[REDACTED] AND HAD A LINE INTO THE CIGAR STORE, THE
FIFTYSIXTH ST. CIGAR STORE, TWO TWO ZERO SEVEN- FIFTYSIXTH
ST., LOCATED NEXT TO GRECO-S RESTAURANT AT KENOSHA. INFORMANT
ADDED THE BALISTRIERI-S TRIED TO INTERFERE WITH A, QUOTE,
RIVAL, UNQUOTE, LINE HAD OUT OF WAUKEGAN, ILL. TO [REDACTED]
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GAMBLERS NOT TIED IN WITH THE BALISTRIERI-S AND IT WAS
NECESSARY FOR [REDACTED] TO PERSONALLY VISIT THE BALISTRIERI-S
IN MILWAUKEE TO ORDER THEM TO STOP PRESSURING THE LATTER GROUP.
THE FOREGOING INFORMATION WAS DISSEMINATED BY SA [REDACTED] TO
CHIEF OF POLICE STANLEY HAUKEHAHL, KENOSHA, WIS. AND SHERIFF
FLOYD J. HUGHES, KENOSHA COUNTY, ON JAN. TWENTYSEVEN, NINETEEN
SIXTY, AND TO CAPT. [REDACTED] DETECTIVE BUREAU, PD,
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-⁵⁰¹²~~6012~~)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164)
SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Rerep SA Milwaukee dated 5/18/61.

There are being enclosed herewith for the Bureau an original and two copies of the informant evaluation memoranda to be attached to referenced report at the Bureau. Two copies are also being enclosed for the Chicago Division to be attached to the two copies forwarded that Office. Milwaukee copies corrected.

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Reporting Office MILWAUKEE	Office of Origin MILWAUKEE	Date 7/31/61	Investigative Period 5/11/61-7/21/61
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REFERENCE

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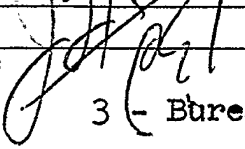
LEADS

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

1. Will, through informants and available sources, further identify contacted from Subject's residence telephone on 6/8/61, following radio and press release on 6/7/61 of RIZZO's gambling background and tie-in with FRANK BALISTRIERI of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

2. Will likewise further identify

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who is allegedly tied in with the New York syndicate, to determine whether involved in Subject's gambling operations at Kenosha.

At Racine, Wisconsin

1. Will, as set forth above in lead at Kenosha, similarly identify [redacted] to determine whether he is tied in with gambling and the extent of it. b6 b7C

2. Will further identify [redacted] and ascertain extent of his tie-in on a gambling "book" with Subject RIZZO at Racine.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1. Will, through Detective [redacted] PD, Milwaukee, ascertain identity and background data had on a Da Quista, first name unknown, alleged to be a Milwaukee hoodlum and said to be an acquaintance of [redacted] of Kenosha. [redacted] of Racine, and possibly [redacted] b6 b7C

2. Will, through informants and sources, ascertain the identity and background had relating to [redacted]

[redacted] who was alleged in July, 1961, to be frequently accompanying Subject RIZZO as a [redacted] and attempt to establish [redacted] position, if any, with the FRANK PETER BALISTRERI mob. b6 b7C

ADMINISTRATIVE

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[redacted] who [redacted] exhibited 1957 through 1959 returns, the only ones that he has, and these reflect that Subject lists his occupation as speculator, showing b6 b7C

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social security number 391 22 9098 and his wife's social security number as 389 16 782.

As indicated above, he shows no source of income except speculation and in each of these three years, lists approximately the same three amounts, that is, \$4,700 and paid federal tax in the neighborhood of \$550.

INFORMANTS

IDENTITY

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Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Date:

July 31, 1961

Field Office File No.: MI 92-164

Bureau File No.: 92-5012

Title:

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Confidential informants advise RIZZO again operating gambling at Kenosha, Wis. with BUSTER BALESTREERE of Milwaukee, Wis., operating as "stickman" in RIZZO's crap game. Gambling in Kenosha also reported as hurt by Antioch, Ill. gamblers operating in Illinois near Wisconsin-Illinois state line, south of Kenosha. Information also developed by Police Department, Racine, Wis. that RIZZO apparently is operating a "book" in that city, assisted by a [REDACTED] of Racine. Telephone toll listings on [REDACTED] set forth for period [REDACTED] Investigation continuing. *WLS.*

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DETAILS: At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On May 11, 1961, MI T-1 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that Subject RIZZO is now operating again in his crap game at Kenosha, Wisconsin on Friday and Sunday nights. MI T-1 also stated there is no actual horse race wire coming into RIZZO's gambling establishment. Operators of the "book" run by RIZZO, make telephone calls to Chicago approximately one-half hour after a horse race and then the results are given out over a small loud speaker system.

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

On May 26, 1961, MI T-3 advised SAs [REDACTED] and JAMES E. MC ARDLE that BUSTER BALESTREERE of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is a muscle and leg man for FRANK BALISTRIERI, the leader of the Balistrieri group of hoodlums in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area.

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MI T-3 said that BUSTER BALESTREERE, as of the present, is also operating as a "stickman" in the crap game run by JOHN CHARLES RIZZO in Kenosha on Friday and Sunday nights of each week, but that gambling in Kenosha is hard hit by the operation seven days a week of the Old Homestead by Antioch, Illinois gamblers, at a site in Illinois near the Wisconsin-Illinois state line just off U.S. Highway 41 and south of Kenosha, Wisconsin, which site is taking most of the gambling business away from the Kenosha area.

MI T-3 added that there is not now and has not been for sometime, any so called wire service or anything akin to a wire service operating in the Kenosha area for anyone. MI T-3 stated that those individuals who are taking bets in the Kenosha, Wisconsin-Waukegan, Illinois area, are using a long distance telephone line on an individual call basis to make their contacts in either Chicago or Milwaukee as the case may be. Informant added that as far as known, the Milwaukee group, under the direction of FRANK BALISTRERI, is getting their odds out of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

With reference to the wire service, which did operate into the 56th Street Cigar Store, for a matter of several months prior to January 15, 1961. MI T-3 advised that this wire service was [redacted] of Waukegan, Illinois, who undoubtedly had certain connections with the powers that be in the betting underworld in Chicago. MI T-3 stated that [redacted] is no longer in any way associated with the Chicago organization and that the wire service once [redacted] into the Waukegan-Kenosha area, has been [redacted] and that the latter supplies much of the odds information being used by the Waukegan, Antioch and southern Wisconsin gambling element. b6 b7C

MI T-3 went on to state that in his opinion, there never was any deal whereby the Milwaukee group under BALISTRERI, would be given any part of the Antioch, Illinois operation, which, incidentally, has been since closed and moved to the Wisconsin-Illinois line on the Illinois side at Old Homestead. Informant added that he seriously doubted that BALISTRERI or anyone else, was using the gambling operation in Kenosha, Wisconsin to train people to operate in the Antioch, Illinois area. Informant added that most of the individuals operating

for BALISTRIERI and for anyone else in Illinois, would have been trained initially in Las Vegas or Reno, Nevada, where gambling is legitimate and experience is unlimited and that the training they would receive in either Las Vegas or Reno, would be the kind of training that any kind of gambling operator would want a man to have prior to turning him over in any game in this part of the country, regardless of his size, where the action is illegal and conditions under which it is operated are difficult. In this connection, MI T-3 stated that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO is an old time Milwaukee gambler with considerable experience, and that BUSTER BALESTRERE has received very obviously training other than which he was afforded in the Kenosha area and is an accomplished "stickman" and one who knew the odds of the game and how best to handle himself under most circumstances. Informant said that BUSTER BALESTRERE's participation in the gambling activity operating under RIZZO, in Kenosha, that prior to the recent curtailment of activities in Kenosha gambling, BUSTER had been a doorman in the RIZZO game, but since there is little or no activity at this time, in Kenosha, due mostly to the operation of the Old Homestead in nearby Illinois, together with the "heat" brought on them by the press and police authorities, BALESTRERE has become at "stickman" in the game and is actually participating as such with RIZZO acting as supervisor of the overall operation and operating it for FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On June 15, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that on the weekend of June 9, 1961, Subject RIZZO ran his gambling game in Kenosha, Wisconsin and that [REDACTED] of Kenosha, also reopened on that weekend. MI T-2 also said that [REDACTED] the Old Homestead gambling place, across the line from Wisconsin in Illinois off Highway 41, also reopened and has a "book" under Antioch, Illinois telephone number 296, and also has gambling in a tavern in Antioch, Illinois, telephone number 176, as well as a third site, location not known.

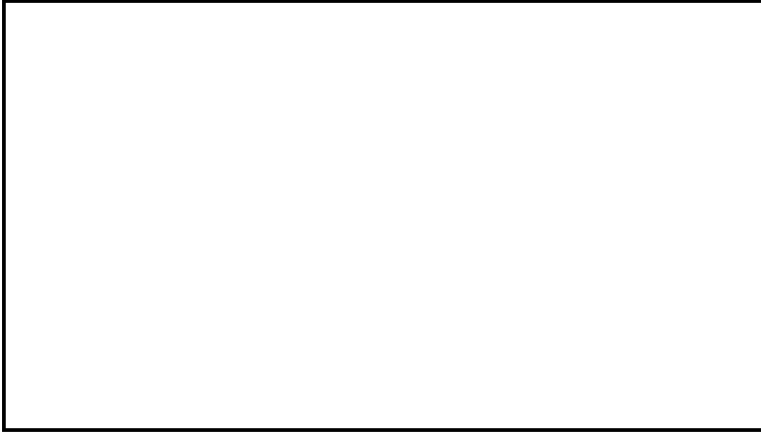
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On June 20, 1961, MI T-4 furnished SA (A) ALBERT G. MAC DONALD the following list of toll calls made at

[REDACTED] subscribed to by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] covering the period of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]:

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

On June 22, 1961, a review of the city of Kenosha City Directory for 1961, containing a numerical listing of telephone numbers and the June, 1961 issue of the city of Kenosha telephone directory published by the Wisconsin Telephone Company, reflected the identities of the following subscribers at Kenosha, whose numbers were set forth above:

OLympic 7-6527 is listed to GRECO's Restaurant,
2209 56th Street.

OLympic 4-2101 is listed to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

OLympic 7-5121 is listed to Kenosha Evening News,
715 58th Street, a daily newspaper published at
Kenosha, whose managing editor is F. LEE HANCOCK.

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OLympic 4-2126 is listed to the Police Department,
City of Kenosha, 804 56th Street.

OLympic 7-9564 is listed to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

same address. *LEE HANCOCK*

OLympic 2-1390 is listed to WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827
36th Avenue. *WILLIAM COVELLI*

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The following investigation was conducted at Milwaukee, Wisconsin by Special Agent [redacted]

The Milwaukee telephone directory as of January, 1961, reflects that Milwaukee number Broadway 6-3090 was listed to JOHN B. SERIO, 521 East Lyon Street.

The Milwaukee indices reflect that, as of June 6, 1958, this number was also listed to SERIO at the same address; and, on June 9, 1958, Special Agent LAURENCE J. GIUNTOLI obtained the following information regarding SERIO in connection with another investigation involving [redacted] an alleged gambler in the Cincinnati, Ohio area who had contacted the above-mentioned telephone number:

[redacted] Bureau of Identification, Milwaukee Police Department, advised their records do not contain any information on JOHN B. SERIO.

The records of the Milwaukee Credit Bureau, 611 North Broadway, reflect that JOHN B. SERIO, age 55, resides at 521 East Lyon Street, where he has rented these premises for over 25 years. He was employed for fourteen years as a tailor and has been employed for the Sprinkman Insulation Co. for over 10 years. His wife has been employed by the Blue Star Knitting Co. for 25 years. The records contain no derogatory information.

[redacted] advised that JOHN B. SERIO has been in their employ since 1949. He started as a laborer and gradually was promoted to position of general foreman. The employment records reflect that SERIO was born November 8, 1902, that he is married but claims no dependents. His social security number is 387-10-2533 and he is described as 6 feet; 240 lbs.; heavy build; dark brown hair. [redacted] advised that SERIO is a very capable, honest and fine family man. He stated he entrusts him with numerous out-of-town jobs, and is particularly an expert on insulation work at breweries.

The current Milwaukee telephone directory reflects JOHN B. SERIO at the same address with Broadway 3-8390. The Milwaukee Association of Commerce Credit Bureau records, checked on June 9, 1961, contain the following information

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regarding JOHN BABE SERIO, 521 East Lyon Street, which information is included in a Credit Bureau report dated October 21, 1959:

SERIO, age 54, has resided at 521 East Lyon Street with his wife, [redacted] for the past 30 years; he rents. He is employed as a superintendent by Sprinkman and Son at \$130 a week and has been so employed as of 1949. His wife has been employed at Blue Star Knitting Co. at \$60 a week for the past 25 years. He has a savings account at the First Wisconsin National Bank and the above report was prepared for the Milwaukee Federal Savings and Loan Association.

On the same date, [redacted] Bureau of Identification, Milwaukee Police Department, checked her records and advised that JOHN B. SERIO, date of birth November 8, 1902, as of December 21, 1959 was fingerprinted for a police certificate to travel abroad. His certificate number is A60006 and his fingerprint classification is 8 1 28 W 110 0 16.
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No other record was located in the Milwaukee Police Department file.

On June 22, 1961, an effort was made to interview SERIO, and his wife furnished the following information:

He has been in a remote section of Mexico for his employer as a field superintendent for the past two years and was last home during Christmas week 1960. The only other occupant of the apartment is their 24 year old daughter, who is single and employed as a beauty operator at the Boston Store. [redacted] [redacted] disclaimed any knowledge of the Subject, [redacted] of the Cincinnati area, or gambling activities on the part of any member of her family.

The current Milwaukee telephone directory lists [redacted] telephone BR 3-5553. Milwaukee indices are negative as to this individual, as are the files of the Milwaukee Police Department and the Milwaukee Association of Commerce Credit Bureau, checked on June 9, 1961.

It appears that this is a fictitious listing, based on the following information:

The current Milwaukee City Directory reflects, for that address,

a [] wife [] employed as helper at the Pressed Steel Tank Co. and an ANTHONY CEFALU. Personal observation at this address and pretext inquiries in the neighborhood confirm that [] resides there but that [] is unknown. Milwaukee indices are negative as to [] but the following information was obtained from Confidential Informant T-5 on April 24, 1961.

Informant said that an Italian by the name of [] assisted STEVE DI SALVO in running a gambling house operated on North Van Buren Street, across from Constantino's Tavern and that FRANK BALISTRIERI is interested in this place. Informant continued that the place books horse races, basketball, baseball and football games and that the unlisted number is BR 3-5553.

Milwaukee indices reflect that ANTHONY CEFALU, who may be identical with ANTHONY CEFALU listed above, has been described by [] as identical with "SHERIFF" CEFALU, who has been for a long time, and still is, an active figure in gambling circles in Milwaukee. STEVE DI SALVO is known to files of the Milwaukee Office as a trusted associate of FRANK BALISTRIERI.

It is to be noted, however, that other information indicates that "SHERIFF" CEFALU, rather than having the given name of ANTHONY, has the given name of SAM.

The records of Dunn and Bradstreet, checked on June 13, 1961, show that Universal Underwriters, 231 West Wells, Milwaukee is a branch of an insurance management service, whose headquarters are in Oak Park, Illinois. The company deals primarily with fraternal and commercial insurance agencies.

On June 13, 1961, [] of the Majestic Building, 231 West Wisconsin Avenue, stated that [] is the [] of Universal Underwriters, located at that address. [] was contacted on June 14, 1961 and he furnished the following information regarding the Subject:

[]
[] JOHN and JOSEPHINE RIZZO
of Kingston Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin, insofar as []
[] RIZZO
in a tax matter law suit instituted by the Internal Revenue

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Service some time ago. More recently, [] has discontinued his business with RIZZO and it is now handled by []
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[] said that he is not well acquainted with RIZZO and, while he has heard many statements to the effect that RIZZO is a gambler with hoodlum connections, he has no first hand knowledge of this and is completely at a loss in giving any assistance in efforts to substantiate these allegations.

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At Racine, Wisconsin

Sheriff RUDY SPIEKER, Racine County, Racine, on June 21, 1961, advised his department on June 19, 1961, observed a late model Studebaker, bronze in color, bearing 1961 Wisconsin license W18-567, parked in the driveway of the residence of JOHN RIZZO, 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine. This vehicle was determined to be registered in the name of JOSEPHINE RIZZO, 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine.

Sheriff SPIEKER also said that on June 20, 1961, that department observed a 1960 or 1961 Buick, white in color, bearing 1961 Wisconsin license [redacted] registered in the name of [redacted] which was parked in the RIZZO driveway.

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

On July 7, 1961, Deputy [redacted] Sheriff's Office, Kenosha County, Kenosha, advised he had learned that Subject RIZZO frequently is now accompanied by a [redacted] identified as being [redacted]

On July 20, 1961, MI T-3 advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] moved to the [redacted]

[redacted] MI T-3 stated that thus far no protest has come from the RIZZO crowd and that action on the Friday and Saturday nights, of the past two weekends on which [redacted] operated, has been very poor with few gamblers attending. Informant added that RIZZO, after several weeks of being shut down, operated on Friday and Sunday nights, July 14 and 16, 1961, with craps and poker, but had poor action both nights, due to lack of attendance.

MI T-3 stated that Old Homestead closed for several weeks except for a "book" being operated there, using

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FM radio broadcasting of the race results out of Chicago as a public service. According to informant, this book is [redacted] of Antioch, Illinois and Old Homestead, located just south of the Illinois-Wisconsin state line in Illinois, off U.S. Highway 41, is being used merely as a parking area for the gamblers who are shuttled from that location to a spot at Grayslake, Illinois for all form of gambling action. Automobiles are not allowed at the gambling site, serving as protection to the gambler and the site itself, as it is difficult to know who left Old Homestead to participate in the action or remained at Old Homestead to watch the race results and drink beer. Informant advised that the site at Grayslake is not yet known and there is also supposed to be another site located at Channel Lake, Illinois, probably also [redacted]

At Racine, Wisconsin

On July 21, 1961, Detective [redacted] Detective Bureau, Police Department, City of Racine, advised he and Detective [redacted] on orders of LEROY JENKINS, Chief of Police, conducted an investigation relating to gambling, to determine if any existed in the City of Racine and if so, to what extent. The investigation covered a period of from June 13 to July 20, 1961 and resulted generally in the finding that there was no organized gambling as such in Racine itself, but that there were a number of gamblers identified as residing in Racine, who favored Kenosha, Wisconsin and possibly Old Homestead just across the Wisconsin-Illinois state line off Highway 41. Detective [redacted] added that Subject RIZZO apparently is operating a "book" which extends into Racine, and in which he is assisted by one [redacted] of the Odd and Ends Club, 1210 State Street, Racine. Some questionable activity also is centered around the Club Douglas, 1201 Douglas Avenue, Racine. [redacted]
[redacted] both Racine, which is still undergoing investigation.

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Detective [] also advised that information was developed but not verified, that a []

[] is alleged to have connections with the New York syndicate and is friend of a Milwaukee hoodlum named [] the latter of whom, together with [] of Racine, are known to Detective [] of the Police Department, City of Milwaukee. and a friend also, allegedly, of []

[] Detective [] stated that information also came to their attention that [] have frequented race tracks together in Illinois.



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File No. MI 92-164

Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

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Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
at Milwaukee, July 31, 1961

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5012)

DATE: 8/31/61

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164)

SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
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Rereps SA [REDACTED] Milwaukee 7/31/61
and 8/31/61, latter of which is enclosed herewith,
with three copies furnished.

The referenced two reports will be transmitted to the
USA, EDW, Milwaukee, Wis., within ten days of the date
of this cover letter UACB.

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Chicago letter to Milwaukee 7/28/61 (IO)
Report of SA Milwaukee 7/31/61

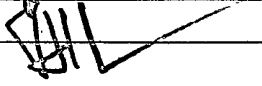
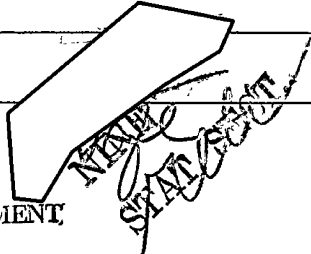
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LEADS

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT KENOSHA & RACINE, WISCONSIN

Will continue through informants and logical sources to further identify associates of and extent of gambling activities on part of Subject RIZZO with particular emphasis on scope of his horse "book" operations and tie-in with the FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI mob of Milwaukee, Wis.

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The Chicago Office on 7/28/61, advised Milwaukee [redacted] and [redacted] Officers of the Dunlap Steel Co. Inc., Chicago, were not known to that office as being associates or contacts of the known "hoodlum element" within the Chicago area; and, in addition, the Chicago Office indices failed to contain any information concerning the officers of the H.E. Mason & Co., Inc., Chicago, and no information is known to the Chicago Office that the officers of this latter corporation are associated with or contacted by the "hoodlum element" in the Chicago area. b6 b7C

INFORMANTS

IDENTITY

LOCATION

MI T-1 is

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MI T-2 is

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MI T-3 is

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Field Office File No.: MI 92-164

Bureau File No.: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Identity of two Chicago, Ill. contacts from RIZZO's residence at Racine, Wis. set forth. Confidential informants T-1 and T-2 advise RIZZO continuing to operate at Kenosha, Wis. on Fridays and Sundays and believed running craps game there. Confidential informant T-3 believed RIZZO only operating a "book" on regular basis at Kenosha, Wis. Investigation continuing.

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DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The following were determined to be subscribers to the below listed telephone numbers contacted respectively on January 30, 1961 and April 10, 1961, from the residence of JOHN RIZZO, 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine, Wisconsin:

Danube 6-6100 Dunlap Steel Corporation 2404
South Canal Street, Chicago, Illinois

Webster 9-3515 H.E. Mason and Company, 831 South
Wabash Street, Chicago, Illinois

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On June 2, 1961, [redacted] Dun and Bradstreet, 300 West Adams, Chicago, Illinois, made available to IC [redacted] reports concerning the above-mentioned establishments, which reports are in part as follows:

DUNLAP STEEL COMPANY, INCORPORATED

Dun and Bradstreet report dated May 19, 1961, reflects this corporation was chartered under Illinois law on September 27, 1957, and is engaged in the warehousing of steel with services to local firms in the steel industry. There are two employees at the premises, 2400 South Canal. The officers of this corporation were reflected as [redacted] with the directors being the officers and [redacted] No financial statement was available. The corporation is prompt paying and has satisfactory banking activities.

[redacted]

H.E. MASON AND COMPANY, INCORPORATED

Dun and Bradstreet report dated October 24, 1960, reflects this business was chartered under Illinois corporation laws on February 15, 1955, and is engaged in the manufacturing of club room equipment. This company is located at 831 South Wabash Avenue, 5th Floor, and the officers were reflected as [redacted] with the directors being composed of the officers of the corporation. On October 24, 1960, [redacted] confirmed the officers and operation, but declined a financial statement thereby making a financial evaluation of this company impossible. The present officers of this corporation purchased the business about February 15, 1957, from the previous owner, DRAKE HARRINGTON. HARRINGTON allegedly began this business in 1919.

This business is involved in the manufacture of various articles of club room equipment, dice, chips, roulette wheels, dice tables, and other allied items. The sales are nationwide to dealers, clubs, department stores and others with 99% of the sales for cash and the remainder on short-term credit. According to this report, there are over 200 accounts for this company which employs approximately 30 people.

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According to the Municipal Court records a suit against this company was filed on July 22, 1960, by Acadia Printing for \$500.00, docket number being 60M-119201.

According to Dun and Bradstreet report dated March 17, 1961, financial details were again declined at that time. It was determined the aforementioned suit filed by Acadia Printing in July, 1960, was dismissed on August 1, 1960.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On July 19, 1961, MI T-1 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that he understands that Subject JOHNNY RIZZO is still operating his gambling game in Kenosha, Wisconsin on Friday and Sunday nights.

On July 19, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHNNY RIZZO is still operating his gambling game at Kenosha, Wisconsin on Friday and Sunday nights, but BUSTER BALESTREERE and STEVE DI SALVO are not going to Kenosha to supervise the game as they feel law enforcement officers are keeping watch on the gambling places in Kenosha. Informant also stated he understands that



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On July 22, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA GASSAWAY when questioned further regarding the [redacted] gambling setup at Kenosha, Wisconsin that [redacted]



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MI T-2 also stated that JOHN RIZZO was still operating his craps game in Kenosha, Wisconsin on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons and [redacted] games are run on Friday and Saturday nights.

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On August 13, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that he had learned BUSTER BALESTREERE on that date at about 12:30 PM was going to Kenosha to attend JOHNNY RIZZO's game there. T-2 added this indicated to him that Subject RIZZO was still operating his craps game in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On August 29, 1961, MI T-3 advised SA [REDACTED] that several inquiries had been made by the informant and it was determined that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO has not reopened his craps game at the 56th Street cigar store, Kenosha, on a regular basis since closing down as a result of the newspaper publicity given to his gambling participation in the Kenosha area, but RIZZO has been running his horse "book" out of that location and as far as known [REDACTED] is the only regular operator of a craps game on Friday and Saturday nights at the Young Men's Athletic Club (YMAC) located on the second floor at 615 57th Street, in downtown Kenosha, across the street from the Kenosha National Bank Building. MI T-3 also stated it has not been learned how RIZZO obtains his horse race results for operation of his "book" at the 56th Street cigar store location in Kenosha, but it is very likely he is utilizing telephone service at some nearby location.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 31, 1961

Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated and captioned as above

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office MILWAUKEE	Office of Origin MILWAUKEE	Date 10/19/61	Investigative Period 8/30/61-10/13/61
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Report of SA , 8/31/61, Milwaukee.

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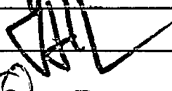

LEADS

CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

1. Will identify subscriber to telephone GR. 2-6329, contacted from Subject's residence at 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine, Wisconsin, on 9/9/61.
2. Will, through informants, available sources, and existing reliable contacts, ascertain if this subscriber has hoodlum contacts or is in fact a known hoodlum.

At Waukegan, Illinois

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1. Will similarly identify, in manner set forth above, for lead at Chicago, the subscribers to telephones ON. 2-8165, contacted 9/7/61, and MA. 3-3431, contacted twice on 9/7/61, all from Subject's residence at Racine, Wisconsin.

2. Will identify and obtain background on CLIFFORD HILL, age 58, of Trailer Park City, Waukegan, arrested as gambler at Kenosha, Wisconsin, on 9/9/61, by PD, Kenosha, and attempt to determine extent of his tie-in with hoodlum activities, if any, in that area.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha and Racine, Wisconsin

1. Will continue, through informants and logical sources, to develop the current activities and associates of Subject RIZZO; the extent of RIZZO's "book" operations in the south-eastern Wisconsin area; and, the gambling activities engaged in by Subject at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

2. Will identify and develop background data on [redacted]
[redacted]
all of Kenosha, who were arrested 9/9/61, in raid by PD, Kenosha, on the YMAC craps game operated by [redacted].

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INFORMANTS

SOURCE

LOCATION

MI T-2 is [redacted]

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MI T-3 is [redacted]

Instant report

The information concerning toll calls of [redacted]

[redacted] was furnished by [redacted]

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: October 19, 1961

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File No.: MI 92-164

Bureau File No.: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Confidential informants MI T-2 and MI T-3 advise that Subject RIZZO is again operating a "craps" game at Kenosha on weekends after having shut down for a period of time due to "heat" by law enforcement on gambling in general. Confidential informant MI T-3 stated RIZZO operating craps game since 9/9/61, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. PD, Kenosha, Wis., on early morning, 9/9/61, raided a craps game [REDACTED] in the Young Men's Athletic Club, Kenosha, arresting [REDACTED] and five other individuals as participating in gambling. [REDACTED] entered plea nolo contendere, 9/21/61, in Municipal Court, Kenosha, and was fined \$400 and costs or six months, and four of the gamblers pled guilty on 9/25/61, and were fined \$40 and costs or 20 days. The fifth gambler forfeited \$25 bond by non-appearance on 9/18/61. Telephone toll listings on RIZZO's residence at Racine, Wis., set forth for period 6/14/61 to 9/10/61. Investigation continuing.

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DETAILS: At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On August 30, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHN RIZZO and [REDACTED] are still operating their gambling games in Kenosha, Wisconsin, but that BUSTER BALESTRERE has stopped going to Kenosha to supervise the RIZZO game, inasmuch as BUSTER feels that the "heat is on." Informant stated that BUSTER has not gone to RIZZO's game at Kenosha since Sunday afternoon, August 13, 1961.

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

The Saturday issue of September 9, 1961, of the Kenosha News, a daily newspaper published at Kenosha, Wisconsin, carried the story that a gambling raid by the Kenosha Police Department was conducted at 1:15 AM on September 9, 1961, netting the arrest of six men who had been in a dice game at the Young Men's Athletic Club, 616 57th Street, Kenosha. This article went on to state that ten officers conducted the raid on a search warrant issued by Mrs. VIVIAN NEWTON, Assistant District Attorney, Kenosha County, on late Friday. A 44 year old vending service operator was booked as the operator of the gambling establishment and booked as players in the craps game were a 26 year old carpet layer, a 58 year old, Waukegan Illinois food service clerk, a 50 year old cab driver, a 46 year old butcher, and a 60 year old industrial plant employee, all of whom had been pointed out by the operator as the only five participating in the game. The gambling operator posted \$25 bonds for each of the players, who were released. The operator was jailed until the mid-morning when he was released under \$1000 bail bond. Warrants naming the men will be sought Monday from the District Attorney's Office by the Police Department.

The newspaper article continued that the operator had \$3008.00 in his possession and after paying bonds for the five players, he gave \$2500.00 to his attorney, MAURICE SCHMERLING. The newspaper release carried the story that Police Inspector LEO BUCHMANN said two cars carrying the ten officers and detectives, pulled up outside of the building at 1:15 AM on Saturday, September 9, 1961, and one car stopped in front on 57th Street, while the other covered the fire escape at the rear on 7th Avenue. Six officers entered the front door and an unlocked inner door and climbed the stairs, where they found the door at the top held shut with a plank on the inside. At the first signs of the raid, patrons starting streaming out the rear door, where four officers herded them back inside and then unlocked the front door to admit the other officers. The gamblers were found in the second room of the club, seated or standing around the large table in the room. The front room contained a pool table, The third room back held a large green felt-covered craps table, with piles of chips and cash at one end. The fourth room of the club

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was a store room with two bottles of liquor, cigarettes, a large quantity of dice, decks of cards, chips and a micrometer for testing dice. The craps table was dismantled and carried to the police station, located three blocks away, by four officers.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On September 13, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that [redacted] a gambling game in Kenosha, Wisconsin, was just recently raided by Kenosha law enforcement authorities and that this raid caused JOHN CHARLES RIZZO's game, also in Kenosha, which is backed by FRANK BALISTRIERI, to shut down on the possible belief that [redacted] might think that RIZZO or others had something to do with the raid and also put the heat on RIZZO's operation.

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On September 16, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHNNY RIZZO's game in Kenosha is still closed up and that the Antioch, Illinois gambling operation, conducted formerly at Ole Homestead, is now operating full force at the farm house to which the Antioch crowd moved and the same Antioch, Illinois phone numbers are used at this farm location.

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

The Monday, September 11, 1961, issue of the Kenosha News, a daily newspaper published at Kenosha, Wisconsin, contained the story that warrants were issued on September 11, 1961, naming the six men nabbed in the police raid of a dice game on early Saturday, September 9, 1961. HARRY SIEGAL, age 44, of 7538 35th Avenue, was arrested as the keeper of a gambling house, located at the Young Men's Athletic Club, 616 57th Street, Kenosha. Named as participants in the game are JAMES R. SIEPLER, age 26, of 6122 49th Avenue; CLIFFORD HILL, age 58, of Trailer Park City, Waukegan, Illinois; JOSEPH MAZZEI, age 50, of 4108 Harding Road; EMIL CONFORTI, age 46, of 5224 25th Avenue; and SABRI SULIEMAN, age 60, of 1803 54th Street. Ten other men were released. Court appearances for all six have been set for September 14, 1961, Thursday at 9:30. SIEGAL was released under \$1000 bond at mid-morning on Saturday, September 9, 1961. The players

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were released after the raid when SIEGAL posted \$25 bonds for each from the \$3008.00 he had in his possession. SIEGAL, the operator, had been arrested on October 20, 1959, for gambling with cards at the Kenosha Billiards, 520 58th Street, Kenosha, and he forfeited a \$10 bond for that offense.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On September 24, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that there are three cliques in Milwaukee of the Italian hoodlum element and that at the present time, the three cliques appear to be on the outs with each other and that one of these cliques is composed of FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO, JOHNNY RIZZO, and BILL COVELLI of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

On September 24, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHN RIZZO's craps game in Kenosha, Wisconsin, is still closed.

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

The Monday, September 25, 1961 issue of the Kenosha News, a daily newspaper published at Kenosha, Wisconsin, carried the story that four Kenoshans, arrested in the September 9, 1961, police gambling raid at the Young Men's Athletic Club, on September 25, 1961, were fined \$40 and costs or 20 days in the county jail, following appearance in the Municipal Court, Kenosha, Wisconsin. The fines were subtracted from individual \$50 bonds posted by the men after the raid. The quartet pleaded guilty through an attorney to gambling charges, eliminating scheduled preliminary hearings set for October 30, 1961. The four were identified as EMIL CONFORTI; JOSEPH MAZZEI; JAMES SIEPLER; and SABRI SULIEMAN. The court further ordered a large table top covered with green felt cloth marked for a crap game, to be destroyed along with a croupier's rake, several aprons, and quantities of poker chips marked \$5 and \$25, playing cards and dice. This equipment had been confiscated by the police officers led by Inspector J. LEO BUCHMANN. A fifth man, booked as a gambler, CLIFFORD HILL, age 58, who lives in a Waukegan trailer park, forfeited a \$25 bond in Municipal Court on

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September 18, 1961. HARRY SIEGAL, age 44, of 7538 35th Avenue, Kenosha, was arrested as operator of the crap game operation on September 21, 1961, paid a fine of \$400 and costs in Municipal Court.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On October 2, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHNNY RIZZO had reopened his gambling game in Kenosha at the same spot and is operating on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons. Informant also alleged that [] has also reopened and that the talk in Milwaukee is that the gambling raid on [] game by the Kenosha Police Department was a "put-up job" to make the police department look as if they were doing something. After learning this, JOHNNY RIZZO reopened his game as it was closed due to the fact that RIZZO at first thought it was a legitimate raid and that [] might blame RIZZO for this and thus furnish information that might result in a raid on RIZZO.

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

Inspector [] on October 2, 1961, advised that on Friday, September 8, 1961, after having received information that [] was conducting a craps game at the Young Men's Athletic Club, located on the second floor at 616 57th Street, Kenosha, talked to [] Assistant District Attorney, Kenosha County, and she issued a search warrant, which enabled him, shortly after midnight, on September 9, 1961, to detail two squad cars of police officers and detectives to cover this location, with one car of men going to the front door and the other car going to the rear of the building, where there is located a fire escape and rear entrance. When officers approached from the front entrance on 57th Street, several patrons attempted to leave the Young Men's Athletic Club by the rear exit. They were met at the door by police officers standing on the fire escape and thus enabling the officers to enter into the building and open the front entrance to the other officers. Inspector [] added that he was acting only on information that there allegedly was a craps

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game in operation at this location, and did not have a witness to assist him in making any definite charges. However, [redacted] himself made things easier by [redacted] [redacted] and pointed several of the participants out to the police, thus enabling arrests to be made, as actually when the officers entered into the building, there was no craps game in operation at the time. Inspector [redacted] stated that this was no put-up job in the sense that he had obtained the search warrant and had told no one of the fact that he had had it, until shortly before the raid, when he selected two squads of officers and then personally conducted it himself.

Inspector [redacted] made available the Police Department, City of Kenosha, arrest sheets relating to the following individuals:

[redacted] Arrest [redacted] described as:

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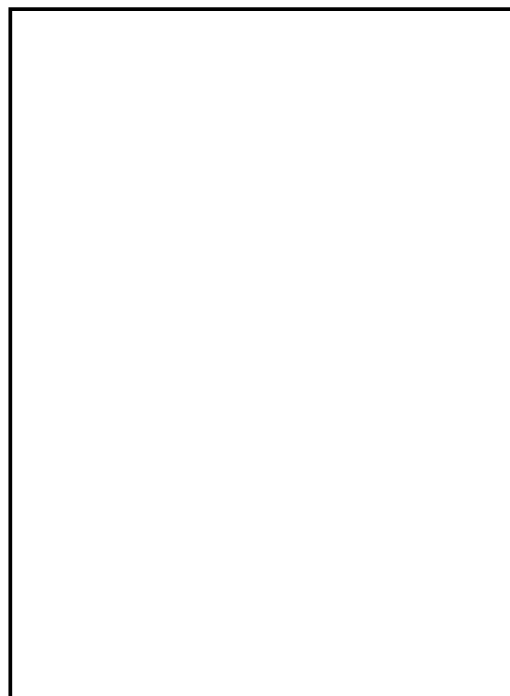
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[redacted] Arrest [redacted] residing at [redacted]
, described as:

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Occupation
Driver's License

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JOSEPH MAZZEI, Arrest #35361, of 4108 Harding Road,
Kenosha, described as:

Race
Sex
Age
Born
Place
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Complexion
Occupation
Marital Status
Social Security Number
Driver's License

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White
Male
50
June 6, 1911
Kenosha, Wisconsin
5'8"
150
Gray
Brown
Ruddy
Cab driver
Married
397-09-9782
Wisconsin 1961 Operator's
License 212179
Italian
Posted \$50 bond for
appearance, Municipal Court,
October 30, 1961, pled
guilty on September 25, 1961,
in Municipal Court, and was
sentenced to fine of \$40 and
costs or 20 days.

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[redacted] Arrest [redacted] of [redacted]
[redacted] described as:

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Social Security Number
Arrested

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SABRI SULIEMAN, Arrest #35363, of 1803 54th Street,
Kenosha, described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	60
Born	April 5, 1901
Place	Albania
Height	5'7"
Weight	158
Hair	Balding, gray
Eyes	Brown
Build	Medium
Marital Status	Married
Social Security Number	396-01-2777
Occupation	American Motors Corporation
Arrested	1:15 AM, September 9, 1961, on charge of gambling and posted \$50 bond on September 12, 1961, and on September 25, 1961, entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$40 and costs by Judge ZIEVERS, Municipal Court, Kenosha.

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SULIEMAN, at the time he was arrested, had \$262.65 cash in his possession.

CLIFFORD HILL, Arrest #35360, of Trailer #1, Trailer Park City, Waukegan, Illinois, described as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	58
Born	November 11, 1902
Place	Chicago, Illinois
Height	5'9"
Weight	170
Hair	Brown-gray
Occupation	Clerk at the North Shore Food Service Co., Waukegan
Eyes	Brown
Marital Status	Single
Complexion	Medium
Arrested	1:10 AM on September 9, 1961, on charge of gambling, posted \$25 bond on September 12, 1961, which was forfeited before Judge ZIEVERS, Municipal Court, Kenosha, on September 18, 1961, through non-appearance

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Records of the [redacted] which may be
obtained only through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to
the [redacted] reflect the following
list of toll calls made at [redacted] subscribed to by
[redacted]

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On 10/6/61 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-164
by SA (A) ALBERT G. MAC DONALD/sem Date dictated 10/12/61

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

Previous investigation has determined that telephone OLympic 2-1390 is listed to WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and that this individual is identical with BILL "WEISER" COVELLI, who, according to MI T-3, has an interest in Subject RIZZO's gambling operations at the 56th Street cigar store, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On October 7, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHNNY RIZZO and [] are still operating their gambling games in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and that BUSTER BALESTRERE has been down to Kenosha the past two Sundays to supervise RIZZO's game for FRANK BALISTRIERI. Informant also stated that the sheriff of Kenosha, Wisconsin, has a reputation with the organization of being honest and for this reason the gamblers in the next election will endeavor to get him or any of his friends out of office.

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

On October 9, 1961, MI T-3 advised that RIZZO's craps game at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, is again in operation and taking place on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights, whereas formerly it ran only on Friday and Sunday nights. Informant stated this game had been shut down for several weeks prior to Saturday, September 9, 1961, but reopened at about 12:01 AM on September 9, 1961, shortly after the raid by the Kenosha Police Department on [] craps game in the Young Men's Athletic Club rooms at 616 57th Street, Kenosha, located on the second floor of that address.

Informant stated this raid by the Kenosha Police Department on [] games actually occurred at approximately 11:00 PM on September 8, 1961, and was conducted through into the morning when the participants of this game were booked at the police department between 1:15 and 1:30 AM on September 9, 1961.

Informant stated that [] and others are of the belief that this raid by the Kenosha Police Department was a "cover-up" job, instigated by the RIZZO crowd to draw the publicity away from their operation and make the police department look good in cracking down on gambling within in the city. Informant stated that this belief was based

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on the fact that the raid was strictly an "officer's arrest" and not based on any complaint to justify a search warrant and was engineered between Inspector [redacted] of the Kenosha Police Department and [redacted]

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[redacted] while Chief of Police STANLEY HAUKE DAHL was conveniently away and out of the city. In furtherance thereof, according to the informant, the raid was actually made at 11:00 PM, September 8, 1961, and while officers were at the front door, which is protected by a double door, the inner one being of steel, two patrons went out the back way, purposely leaving the metal door at that location for officers of the police department to enter. These two men were deliberately let go by the police officers at that location, who made no effort to identify them, but did force some of the other patrons, also trying to leave by the back door, back into the building. Informant stated that he is attempting to obtain the identities of these two particular men, as he has heard rumors that they now are allegedly working for RIZZO at his craps game on 57th Street in Kenosha.

Informant also advised that [redacted]

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MI T-3 further stated that [redacted] has definitely quit operating a craps game since the raid in Kenosha, and no effort is going to be made to reopen for a while in order to see how things are standing in Kenosha. The question of whether [redacted]

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[redacted] has not as yet been decided.

MI T-3 also advised that there is a craps game being run in the old Labor Hall of Local 72, located across from the Rambler plant on 60th Street in Kenosha, which is run strictly for the colored element. The identity of the operator of this establishment is not yet known, but an effort will be made to ascertain this information. MI T-3 also stated that RIZZO during the several week's lull up to September 9, 1961, when he was not running a craps game on 57th Street, and was using that site for the horse "book", that he has no communication set up there and still is "laying off"

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in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and allegedly has a \$5000 bank for this bookie operation.

At Racine, Wisconsin

Detective [redacted] Detective Bureau, Police Department, City of Racine, on October 13, 1961, advised that he had occasion on September 21, 1961, at approximately 2:20 PM to cruise in front of the residence of JOHN RIZZO at 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine, and at that time observed two automobiles parked in the garage of this residence and a third automobile parked on the driveway, which was described as a 1960 Buick (compact), white over green, bearing Wisconsin License [redacted] which is listed to [redacted]

[redacted] Detective [redacted] also stated that on September 28, 1961, at 11:25 AM, while passing RIZZO's residence, he also observed that two cars were parked in the garage and a third automobile parked in the driveway, being a 1959 Ford, blue in color, bearing 1961 Wisconsin plates [redacted] registered to [redacted]

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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

MI T-2 is a Milwaukee hoodlum, who is closely associated with gamblers and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, particularly those in the Italian-American element, and he is aware of their current illegal activities. He has furnished reliable information in the past.

MI T-3 is a source closely acquainted with the various members of the gambling element in Kenosha, Wisconsin for many years, and he has furnished reliable information in the past.

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LEADSMILWAUKEE DIVISIONAt Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1. Will, at Wisconsin Telephone Co., Milwaukee, obtain toll call listings had on JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine, Wis., telephone # MELrose 2-8753, for period of September 11 through December 10, 1961.

At Kenosha and Racine, Wisconsin

1. Will continue, through informants and logical sources, to develop current activities and associates of Subject RIZZO; the extent of RIZZO's "book" operations and gambling

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activities in Kenosha engaged in by Subject.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: December 29, 1961

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File No.: MI 92-164

Bureau File No.: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Informants advised Subject RIZZO is still operating his craps game in Kenosha, Wis., on weekends and drawing some gamblers from Milwaukee, Wis., but that STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE are not attending. Background on [REDACTED] and FRANK JAMES DE NICOLA, both of Milwaukee, set forth. Investigation continuing.

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DETAILS: At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On October 17, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHNNY RIZZO is still operating his craps game in Kenosha, Wisconsin on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons.

On October 18, 1961, MI T-1 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that RIZZO operated a craps game at Kenosha on Sunday, October 15, 1961, attended by quite a few Milwaukee gamblers but that STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE did not show up.

On October 25, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHN RIZZO definitely operated his craps game at Kenosha on Friday night, October 20, and also on Sunday afternoon, October 22, 1961.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM.

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He is described as follows:

Name
Sex
Race
Date of Birth
Height
Weight

[REDACTED]

The 1959 Wisconsin Income Tax Return reflects that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and wife, [REDACTED] reside at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On October 28, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that in regards to [REDACTED], the alleged [REDACTED] accompanying Subject RIZZO. that [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] and is an associate of [REDACTED]

JOHNNY RIZZO and other gamblers in the Milwaukee-Kenosha area and sometimes in poker games and crap games is a "shill," but is not known to operate any gambling or bookie operations, but may pick up horse bets from his friends and place them with bookies whom he knows, as a favor.

On October 31, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that RIZZO definitely operated his craps game at Kenosha on Friday night, October 27, but that STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE did not show up as both are said to be afraid of the "heat" from federal authorities possibly watching RIZZO's place.

On November 22, 1961, MI T-3 advised SA [REDACTED] that Subject RIZZO is operating regularly on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at the 56th Street Cigar Store location in Kenosha, Wisconsin, without any regard whatever to the Kenosha Police Department. Informant also stated that RIZZO recently remodeled his gambling place, installing air conditioning. Informant also stated that [REDACTED] has been attempting to open a small craps game again on the second floor above the Rite-Spot Tavern in Kenosha for

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operation on Friday and Saturday nights, but thus far the results have been without much success as to attracting any patrons.

On November 22, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHNNY RIZZO of Kenosha had remodeled his gambling place there and is operating a craps game there on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons and that [REDACTED] is again running his gambling place in Kenosha on Friday nights and Saturdays.

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On December 2, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that in regard to FRANK BALISTRERI, who makes trips quite often to some unknown point south of Milwaukee, that in the past BALISTRERI used to meet JOHN RIZZO in the vicinity of Racine, Wisconsin, at least three or four times a week and that it is possible he is still doing so.

On December 11, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHNNY RIZZO is still operating wide open at Kenosha on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons and that quite a few gamblers from Milwaukee went down to Kenosha on Sunday, December 10, 1961, to gamble.

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ENCLOSURE

To the Bureau:


There are being enclosed herewith an original and one copy of a letterhead memorandum reflecting the characterizations of informants utilized in this report.

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The information concerning toll calls of Subject RIZZO from September 11 through December 12, 1961, was furnished by [redacted]

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CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

1. Will identify subscriber to telephone FR. 2-3914, contacted from Subject's residence at 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine, Wis., on 9/27/61.

2. Will, through informants, available sources, and existing reliable contacts, ascertain if this subscriber has hoodlum contacts or in fact, is a known hoodlum himself.

3. Will similarly identify [redacted] whose automobile, bearing 1961 Illinois license [redacted] was observed parked in the area of 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, the sight of Subject RIZZO's gambling establishment, on night of 2/16/62.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Beloit, Wisconsin

1. Will, through logical sources, discreetly identify [redacted] in effort to ascertain employment and background and determine whether he is known to be involved in or with gambling activities that area.

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

1. Will continue, through informants and logical sources, to develop current activities and associates of Subject RIZZO; the extent of RIZZO's gambling activities and identity of any bettors participating in this operation.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: February 27, 1962

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Field Office File No.: MI 92-164

Bureau File No.: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Informant MI T-2 advises Subject RIZZO is still operating "craps" and poker games at Kenosha, Wis. Pot limit for "craps" is \$100 and pot limit on poker is \$500. MI T-2 advises "cut" of \$500 a month up to short time ago was paid off to PD, Kenosha. After deduction of operating expenses, profits are allegedly split on percentages with LOUIS GRECO, WILLIAM COVELLI, JOHN RIZZO, and FRANK BALISTRERI. Background on [REDACTED], Chicago, Ill., set forth. Toll calls from Subject's residence for period September 11 through December 12, 1961, obtained. WILLIAM COVELLI, Kenosha, who assists RIZZO in latter's gambling operation at Kenosha, on [REDACTED] according to informant, [REDACTED].

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DETAILS: On December 16, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHNNY RIZZO has an associate in his gambling games at Kenosha, Wisconsin in the person of WILLIAM (WEISER) COVELLI, who is in charge when RIZZO is absent. COVELLI has a 10% interest in the RIZZO operation at Kenosha.

MI T-2 also advised that RIZZO is older than COVELLI and not in very good health. COVELLI also operates a "book" on horses and sporting events. RIZZO's place is operated on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons.

MI T-2 stated that RIZZO's poker game now has a \$500 pot limit and the "craps" game has a \$100 pot limit. In regards to "cuts" on profits from these games, the Kenosha

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Police Department is paid off first and up to a short time ago, this payoff was \$500 a month. The expense of help and operating expenses such as rent, utilities and food, are then deducted from the money taken in. The remainder is divided equally by percentages with

[redacted] (possibly identical with [redacted] getting a guarantee of \$50 a week or 5%, whichever is the larger. The rest of the profit is split between BILL COVELLI, JOHNNY RIZZO and FRANK BALISTRIERI. BALISTRIERI may get a larger percentage out of the profits than the others, but it is not believed more than 10% more.

MI T-2 added that "WEISER" COVELLI is always there when the game is operated at RIZZO's. RIZZO is there at the games when he is able and BUSTER BALESTRERE has not been going to Kenosha of late, due to the "heat" put on by federal authorities and local sheriff's office.

MI T-2 also said that when the game is run, only one of three men ever is allowed to sit in the "box" at the game and these men are RIZZO, "WEISER" COVELLI and BUSTER BALESTRERE. The "box" is where one man can watch both tables, supervising same, and pays off on winnings and sees to it that losers to the "house" pay the correct amount of money.

At Chicago, Illinois

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 28, 1961

The above records are confidential and can be obtained
only through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to

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On 12/18/61 at Chicago, Illinois File # Chicago 92-980

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On December 28, 1961, the Chicago Office advised Milwaukee concerning [redacted] of Chicago, Illinois, as follows:

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[redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed by SAs RALPH R. HILL, JR. and [redacted] on February 17, 1961, in connection with a trip to New York made by SAM "MOONEY" GIANCANA (Chicago top hoodlum) in October, 1960.

[redacted] advised that on October 6, 1960, he registered into a suite of rooms in the Hampshire House, New York City, and was accompanied by [redacted] and [redacted] all Chicago businessmen. Another person was present whom he knew as a steel salesman from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and a friend of [redacted]. He denied that GIANCANA was one of the occupants of this suite or that GIANCANA visited this party at any time.

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According to the records of the Chicago Police Department, as searched in April of 1958, [redacted]

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On December 30, 1961, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO and [redacted] are still operating their respective gambling places on weekends in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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In January, 1962, MI T-7 advised SA [redacted] that JOHN RIZZO [redacted]

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[REDACTED] MI T-7
also said that every business venture BALISTRIERI
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gambling income is the only thing that keeps him
solvent.

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Date January 19, 1962b6
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[REDACTED] The record may be obtained
by issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 1/16/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # 92-164
by SA(A) ALBERT G. MACDONALD/kaj Date dictated 1/18/62

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

On February 13, 1962, a review of the Wisconsin Telephone Company, City of Kenosha, telephone directory for June, 1961, revealed the following published telephone subscribers:

Olympic 2-1390 to WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827
36th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53142

Olympic 7-6527 to Greco's Restaurant, 2209
56th Street, Kenosha

It is to be noted that earlier in this report, Chicago, Illinois telephone number GRaceland 2-6329 is listed to

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On January 25, 1962, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that Subject RIZZO is still operating his gambling game in Kenosha, Wisconsin and that on Friday, January 26, 1962, several Milwaukee gamblers plan to meet at the Belmont Hotel, around 9:30 or 10:00 PM, and drive to Kenosha together for the game there.

On February 8, 1962, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that WILLIAM COVELLI of Kenosha, who handles a gambling game there, with JOHN RIZZO, on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

On Friday, February 16, 1962, at 10:01 PM, SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] observed the following automobiles parked in the area of 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, commonly known as "the 56th Street cigar store,"

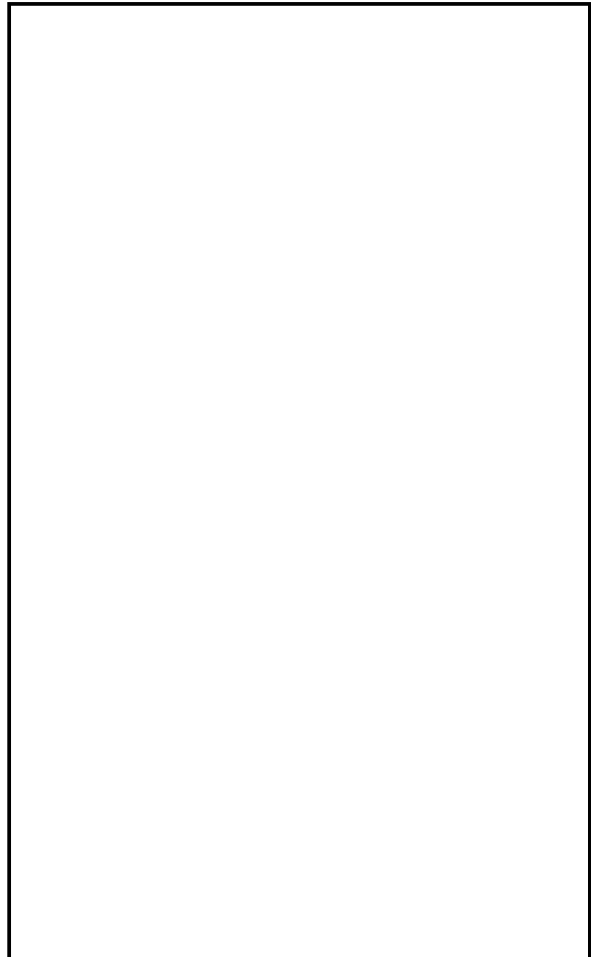
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which establishment disclosed no presence of light from the street and concerning which, could not be discreetly observed whether any activities were going on therein or not. A spot check of this establishment was continued until 12:45 AM, February 17, 1962, without anyone being observed entering or leaving that address, although during the entire period Greco's Restaurant, located next door at 2209 56th Street, was open and attracted a considerable number of customers:

1962 Wisconsin License

Registered To



1961 Illinois License



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
February 27, 1962

Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Reprt of SA [REDACTED]
dated and captioned as above.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. MI 92-164

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
February 27, 1962

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka.
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted]
[redacted], at Milwaukee, dated February 27, 1962 and captioned
as above, wherein the following informants were used:

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MI T-2 is [redacted]
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MI T-7 is [redacted]

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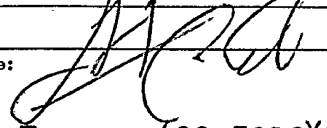
REFERENCES

Report of SA , Milwaukee,
dated 2/27/62;
Chicago letter to Milwaukee, 3/30/62 (IO).

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ENCLOSURES

To Bureau: There are being enclosed herewith an original and one copy of a letterhead memorandum reflecting the characterizations of informants utilized in this report.

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INFORMANTS

<u>Identity</u>	<u>Location</u>
MI T-2 is [REDACTED]	MI 92-164-94, 104, 106
MI T-3 is [REDACTED]	Instant report
MI T-7 is [REDACTED]	MI 92-164-101
MI T-8 is [REDACTED]	MI 92-164-96, 97, 103

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For need of further security as the result of extensive use, of [REDACTED] in instant report, this informant has been assigned two T symbols therein, namely [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE

The period of this report is extended to include investigation conducted by the Chicago Office on 1/12/62, results of which were not available for inclusion in referenced report.

The indices of the Chicago Office were searched concerning [REDACTED] and no information identifiable with [REDACTED] was contained therein. No information is known to the Chicago Office which would indicate that [REDACTED] is known to or connected with the hoodlum element in Chicago.

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LEADS

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

Will continue, through informants and logical sources, to develop current activities and associates of Subject RIZZO;

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the extent of RIZZO's gambling activities and identity of any bettors participating in this operation.

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Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: MILWAUKEE

Date:

April 30, 1962

Field Office File No.: MI 92-164

Bureau File No.: 92-5012

Title:

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Informants, MI T-2, MI T-3, and T-8 advise Subject RIZZO continues to operate regularly at Kenosha, Wis. conducting "craps" and poker games three days a week there on Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday nights. Identity of some of the Milwaukee gamblers and physical layout of RIZZO's gambling site set forth. Investigation continuing.

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DETAILS:

At Waukegan, Illinois

On January 12, 1962, MI T-7 advised SA [REDACTED]
that [REDACTED]
telephone ONTario 2-8165, is the [REDACTED]

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MI T-7 further advised on January 12, 1962 that CLIFFORD HILL, who lives in a trailer in Park City, is a well known petty gambler and card dealer. He formerly worked at the old Vernon Country Club years ago at Deerfield, Illinois. He hangs out at the Paddock Club, Route 120 and Green Bay Road, Waukegan, and is an associate of [redacted] of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

[redacted] Identification Officer, Waukegan Police Department, advised SA [redacted] on January 22, 1962 from records that CLIFFORD HILL, FBI Number 1401562, Waukegan Police Department Number B-1860, date of birth November 11, 1902, Chicago, Illinois, was last arrested August 29, 1955 for reckless driving and was fined \$75.00 and costs on September 9, 1955. At that time he was residing at Gene and John's Motel, Park City, Illinois, with previous residence at 520 8th Street, Waukegan. These records reflected that HILL served one year at the State Reformatory, Pontiac, Illinois, on March 3, 1924 for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. On November 17, 1937 he was arrested by the Waukegan Police Department for burglary and was sentenced to thirty days in the Cook County Jail.

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Waukegan - North Chicago, advised SA [redacted] on January 22, 1962 that his records revealed that CLIFFORD HILL, born November 11, 1902, Chicago, had been in the credit file since 1933 and as of February 15, 1960 was listed as employed at Central Smoke Shop, Waukegan, Illinois. It is noted that the Central Smoke Shop was formerly a hand-book operation which is now closed. The current address for HILL was shown as Gene and John's Motel and Trailer Park, Park City, Illinois. There are two open accounts for collection against HILL, one by Victory Memorial Hospital dated December 27, 1961 in the amount of \$23.88, and the other, a men's clothing store in the amount of \$7.92, since April, 1957.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On February 19, 1962, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that the following individuals from Milwaukee go regularly to RIZZO's gambling game at Kenosha, Wisconsin on Friday

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nights or Saturday afternoons: [redacted]
[redacted] and possibly [redacted] who formerly was a regular patron of the gambling game at Homestead in Antioch, Illinois. Informant also advised that a [redacted] (phonetic) is a patron of RIZZO's at Kenosha also.

On February 23, 1962, MI T-8 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that in respect to JOHNNY RIZZO's gambling site at Kenosha, Wisconsin, located next door to Greco's Restaurant at 2209 56th Street, informant stated that entrance to the gambling room was obtained by entering the public door to a vacant store at 2207 - 56th Street, through the room to a rear door, and thence to a hallway and to a room in the back on the same ground floor level, where the gambling took place. Informant added that there was a door at the back corner of Greco's Restaurant which opened on the same hallway and gave access to the gambling room. Informant said that no lights would be observed from the outside on the street in front of the gambling site because of painted glass windows there. Informant advised that RIZZO has changed the layout of the gambling place and that the green cloths on the tables with numbers on them had been removed and chips were no longer being used in the blackjack game, but only money. He stated that this was for the purpose of being able to clear the place fast in the event of any raid. Informant advised that RIZZO is operating his gambling games on Saturdays as well as Friday nights, and on Sundays, and that some of the patrons from Milwaukee were [redacted] and [redacted].

On March 12, 1962, MI T-8 advised SA GASSAWAY that JOHNNY RIZZO continues to operate his craps and blackjack games in Kenosha on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, and that the games run well unto 4:00 or 5:00 a.m. on Monday morning. RIZZO opens between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Sunday nights and later on in the evening on Friday evenings. Informant further advised that the Milwaukee gamblers who go to RIZZO's in Kenosha now meet at "The Talk of the Town" Tavern, 500 block on Wells Street, Milwaukee, and that they meet there sometime after 8:30 p.m. up to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and on Saturday nights and any time after 7:00 p.m. on Sundays. Informant said that [redacted] (phonetic) goes every

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Sunday and goes down to RIZZO's on Friday nights if he is not working with [REDACTED].

On March 18, 1962, MI T-2 advised SA GASSAWAY that JOHNNY RIZZO is still operating wide open in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

On March 21, 1962, MI T-3 advised SA [REDACTED] that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO is now operating his craps and card games at 2207 - 56th Street, Kenosha, regularly on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. [REDACTED] and WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI are always present at these games. Informant stated he doubted that COVELLI has any real authority and that [REDACTED] would be the one used to maintain order and probably admit recognized gamblers at the front door entrance.

At Chicago, Illinois

On March 29, 1962 it was determined by SA [REDACTED] that the City of Chicago Telephone Directory of the Illinois Telephone Company contained the listing of telephone number FRanklin 2-3914 to the Lumberman's Mutual and Casualty Company, Midwest Branch Office, No. 20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On March 30, 1962, MI T-8 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHN RIZZO is still operating his craps and blackjack poker game in Kenosha three days a week and that the gamblers from Milwaukee are still meeting at the "Talk of the Town" Tavern on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, from where they drive to Kenosha.

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On April 6, 1962, MI T-2 advised SA GASSAWAY that RIZZO is continuing to operate his craps and blackjack games at Kenosha and that the games begin at 9:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. Informant stated that the action is biggest from about 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. in the mornings. Informant added that BILL COVELLI still carries a bankroll and supervises collections and payoffs and that JOHNNY RIZZO is there all of the time now. He stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO are still getting a cut, part of which undoubtedly goes to FRANK BALISTRIERI, but they do not go to RIZZO's games. Informant advised that in respect to the site where RIZZO maintains his gambling, there is a liquor store on one side and Greco's Restaurant on the other. The gambling site has the appearance of being an empty store with a large plate glass window painted green. Informant stated that when one enters the gambling place by a door into this empty store front and then walks down a hall, which is between this store and the Greco's Restaurant, and goes then to a room directly in back of the empty store, where the action in respect to gambling goes on, and no lights can be seen from the outside front entrance of this gambling site. There is a door in the hallway that leads to Greco's Restaurant, but this door is not usually used by the gamblers going to the game, but is available to use as an escape door in case of any raid.

At Beloit, Wisconsin

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
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On April 10, 1962 [REDACTED] Beloit Credit Bureau, advised that the records of that office reflect [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has resided in Beloit, Wisconsin for most of his life and that he has been known to the files of the Beloit Credit Bureau since prior to 1946; that he was originally a laborer at Beloit Iron Workers and has been a bottler with the Wright and Wagner Dairy, Beloit, Wisconsin, for over 10 years. He has a good credit record and there was nothing in the file that would in any way reflect adversely upon his general character.

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On April 10, 1962 [redacted] Detective, Beloit Police Department, advised that [redacted] was not known to that department. He had no record with the Beloit Police Department and he had never heard of him in connection with any illegal activities, including gambling activities.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

April 30, 1962

Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated and captioned as above.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
April 30, 1962

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AKA
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted]
[redacted] at Milwaukee dated April 30, 1962 and captioned
as above, wherein the following informants were used:

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MI T-2 is [redacted]
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MI T-8 is [redacted]
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TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY eak
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At Kenosha, Wis.

Will continue, through informants and logical sources, to develop current activities and associates of Subject and follow his gambling activities in the Kenosha, Wis. area.

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SA [REDACTED]

Office:

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Date:

6/28/62

Field Office File No.:

MI 92-164

Bureau File No.:

92-5012

Title:

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

MI T-2 and MI T-3 advise Subject continues to operate his "craps" gambling game at 2207 56th St., Kenosha, Wis., located next door to Greco's Restaurant. This gambling activity is conducted on Fridays, Saturdays and Sunday nights on a regular basis and is attended by the same individuals from Milwaukee, Wis.

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DETAILS: AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On April 5, 1962 MI T-9 advised SA [REDACTED] that he was acquainted with RIZZO's gambling joint, located next door to Greco's Restaurant in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and there is craps gambling going on there each Friday night and Sundays. Informant stated that this site has two partitions through which one must pass to get to the craps game, and there was a back door which was barricaded and, in addition, a door which apparently led to Greco's Restaurant, which is also barricaded. Informant stated he believes there is another door, which possibly is connected with Gerolmo's Liquor Tavern, located on the east side of the gambling site, and from which the gamblers buy dice and cards. Informant described the dice table as being about eight feet by sixteen feet in dimension and was usually lined with players.

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On April 10, 1962 MI T-9 advised SA [REDACTED] that he visited RIZZO's craps game on [REDACTED] where RIZZO was watching, and a BILL COVELLI was handling the

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money. There were about twenty men at the craps game, and there must have been \$10,000 on the table in front of COVELLI. Informant stated that an unknown man was handling the dice, described as 50 years of age, small and wore glasses. Informant advised that this man would pick up the dice and throw them to the player after they were picked up from the table.

On May 13, 1962 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that RIZZO is still operating his gambling site in Kenosha, Wisconsin on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and he has the same individuals patronizing the game from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Informant added that RIZZO and COVELLI are definitely supervising the game and are at the game all of the time.

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On June 15, 1962 MI T-3 advised SA [] that the "56th Street Cigar Store" at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, which is operated by JOHN RIZZO and attended by BILL "WEISER" COVELLI, together with a [] of Kenosha, is still operating as a craps gambling site on a regular basis on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights and apparently these operators have no fear of being shut down.

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Post Office Box 663
Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin

June 28, 1962

Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
dated and captioned as above, at
Milwaukee.

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of informants utilized in
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INFORMANTSIdentityT-2 is T-3 is Location

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

Will continue, through informants and logical sources, to develop current activities and associates of subject and follow his gambling activities in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: August 14, 1962

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File No.: MI 92-164

Bureau File No.: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

MI T-2 and MI T-3 advise RIZZO's craps and poker games continue to operate regularly on weekends at Kenosha, Wisconsin. MI T-2 also states "cut" of RIZZO's gambling take at Kenosha, Wisconsin, is taken weekly to Milwaukee, Wisconsin and given to BUSTER BALESTREERE and STEVE DI SALVO by either WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI or subject RIZZO.

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DETAILS:AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On July 23, 1962 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that subject JOHN RIZZO is still operating his craps game at Kenosha, Wisconsin, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and that [REDACTED] and the other gamblers from the Milwaukee area still meet at the "Talk of the Town" tavern in Milwaukee, and drive to Kenosha for the gambling.

Informant stated that BILL COVELLI makes weekly visits to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to give BUSTER BALESTREERE and STEVE DI SALVO their "cut" on the gambling at RIZZO's.

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On July 28, 1962 MI T-3 advised SA [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] has always been the [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

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JOHNNY RIZZO's gambling site at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, which is otherwise known as the "56th Street Cigar Store".

[] also has been used as maintenance man at this location.

Informant added that RIZZO is said to have ousted [] from the game at Kenosha, and that [] is handling a piece of the "bookie" business on his own.

Informant also advised that "WEISER" COVELLI is still at the RIZZO gambling site, and that also a [] who has always been close to "WEISER", is also said to be at this gambling site now.

Informant stated that RIZZO is still operating on Friday through Sunday nights of each week on a steady basis, and apparently without fear of a raid.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On August 1, 1962 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHNNY RIZZO is still operating his craps game at Kenosha on Friday through Sundays, and that RIZZO and COVELLI still furnish a "cut" of the profits to STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE.

Informant added that for the past two weeks RIZZO himself has been bringing the money to these individuals in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



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Post Office Box 663
Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin

August 14, 1962

Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
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Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin

August 14, 1962

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

MI T-2 is

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MI T-3 is

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 9/26/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/8/62 - 9/6/62
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka.		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY jb
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LEADS

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

Will continue through informants and logical sources to develop current activities and associates of Subject RIZZO and follow his gambling activities in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity</u>	<u>Location</u>
MI T-2 is 	MI 92-164-120, 121, 122
MI T-3 is 	Instant report

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Field Office File No.: MI 92-164

Bureau File No.: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: MI T-2 and MI T-3 state that RIZZO's gambling site in Kenosha, Wisconsin continues to get big play on weekend nights for craps and poker. RIZZO alleged having a season box seat at Arlington Race Track, Chicago, Illinois, and on 8/22/62 was contacted there by STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA, both of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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DETAILS: At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On August 8, 1962 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that Subject RIZZO of Kenosha is still operating his craps game on Friday, Saturday and Sundays and does not seem to be worried about any raids. Informant said that RIZZO has a season box seat at the Arlington Race Track, Chicago, Illinois, and lets all of his hoodlum friends use it, especially STEVE DI SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA.

On August 17, 1962, MI T-2 informed SA GASSAWAY that RIZZO is continuing to operate his craps game at Kenosha, Wisconsin on the weekend nights and has been making money in the past few weeks.

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On August 23, 1962 MI T-2 informed SA GASSAWAY that RIZZO was at the Arlington Race Track in Chicago on [REDACTED]

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

On September 6, 1962, MI T-3 advised SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that conditions are unchanged at Kenosha with BILL "WEISER" COVELLI still having a hand in JOHNNY RIZZO's craps and poker games on every weekend and that this gambling has continued to get a big play without interruption for the past six or seven months and that the local authorities make no effort to interfere.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
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Title **JOHN CHARLES RIZZO**

Character **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference **Report of SA [redacted]
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
September 26, 1962

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ANTI-RACKETEERING

MI T-2 is

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MI T-3 is

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TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY eak
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LEADS

MILWAUKEE

At Kenosha, Wis.

Will continue through informants and logical sources to develop current activities and associates of Subject and follow his gambling activities in the Kenosha, Wis. area.

At Milwaukee, Wis.

Will obtain telephone toll listings had on telephone number listed to

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INFORMANTS

Identity

Location

MI T-2 is

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MI T-3 is

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Title:

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

MI T-2 advises RIZZO is still operating his "craps" and poker games at Kenosha, Wis. and has reopened a horse book in Racine, Wis. MI T-3 stated that RIZZO and WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI are still together and operate their gambling from Friday night through Sunday night and are doing very well financially. MI T-3 added that two BALISTRIERI men had been to Kenosha recently to put the "heat" on any other competitors with RIZZO's gambling operations.

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DETAILS: AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On September 21, 1962 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that Subject RIZZO has reopened a horse book in Racine, Wisconsin and has an individual operating the book for him. Informant also stated that RIZZO is still operating his craps game in Kenosha, Wisconsin and is not worried about any raids by the local police department. Informant did not know the telephone number or location of the "book" in Racine at this time.

On September 29, 1962 MI T-2 advised SA GASSAWAY that Subject RIZZO is operating his craps game in Kenosha and also booking from his gambling place in Kenosha, as well as running a book out of Racine, Wisconsin. Details regarding the book at Racine, however, were not available.

On October 12, 1962 MI T-2 was recontacted by SA GASSAWAY, but no additional information was then available on Subject or his associate, BILL "WEISER" COVELLI, both of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On November 16, 1962 MI T-3 advised SA [] that he had learned through his own sources that Kenosha is completely under the control of the BALISTRIERI group from Milwaukee, and that two BALISTRIERI men had recently been to Kenosha to put the "heat" on any competitors of RIZZO's craps operations there.

MI T-3 advised that RIZZO and BILL "WEISER" COVELLI are still very active in craps and poker at 2207 53th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin on Friday night, Saturday and Sunday and are doing very well financially, but no information was heard of their attempting to open any new place in Kenosha. In the informant's opinion, such a move would not be necessary. Informant said he has not heard that RIZZO has enlarged his "book" operation recently, but RIZZO always had a book operating on "large layoffs" from local gamblers in Kenosha but, if RIZZO is expanding in Racine, his logical associate would have been [] as both are close friends.

MI T-3 stated that [] is definitely out of the picture at RIZZO's gambling spot and is busted financially. Informant also said that the old time local gamblers and many tavern owners in Kenosha are getting more bold from seeing so much wage money passing around by American Motors Corporation, plus the fact that nobody is bothering RIZZO's gambling operation. It may be for this reason that BALISTRIERI has sent some of his "toughs" down to Kenosha to put a stop to any growing competition with RIZZO's gambling games.



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Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
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MI T-3 is

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LEADSMILWAUKEEAt Kenosha, Wis.

(1) Will identify subscribers of telephone calls charged
to Subject RIZZO as set forth in this report and conduct appropriate
credit and criminal checks to ascertain background and to determine

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whether involved in gambling activities.

(2) Will continue through informants and logical sources to develop current activities and associates of Subject, the extent of his gambling activities and the identities of any bettors participating in these operations.

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Period of this report is extended to include investigation conducted in November, 1962, results of which were not available for inclusion in rerep.

In connection with mention set forth in this report of BILL COVELLI, aka "WEISER," or "WHEEZER," partner of Subject RIZZO in the latter's gambling operations at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, Wis., it is to be noted COVELLI himself is subject of a current Milwaukee case entitled, "WILLIAM COVELLI, aka, IGA," MI 162-49, Bufile 162-777.

It is to be noted further that reference to the "BIERNAT" case relates to an investigation being conducted of case entitled, "ANTHONY JOSEPH BIERNAT, aka, MISSING PERSON - MURDER," MI 79-56, Bufile 95-107526, wherein BIERNAT, who was a local juke box operator of only moderate means in Kenosha, Wis., was forcibly abducted at about 10:15 PM, 1/7/63, in Kenosha by three unidentified assailants. BIERNAT's body was subsequently found buried in lime in a shallow grave at the abandoned Bong AFB, Kenosha County, Wis., late evening of 1/28/63. Cause of death was attributed to at least three severe blows to the top back and right rear of BIERNAT's head, possibly occurring about midnight of 1/7/63 at the site where the body was found buried.

Information regarding telephone toll calls set forth in this report and charged to [redacted]

[redacted] was furnished on 1/23/63 to SA(A) ALBERT G. MACDONALD by [redacted]

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INFORMANTS

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Location

MI T-2 is [REDACTED]

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144,145,150,154;
MI 162-49-39,40,44.

MI T-3 is [REDACTED]

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92-5012

Title:

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Results of telephone toll calls charged to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] obtained.b6
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[REDACTED] MI T-9, MI T-2 and MI T-3 advised RIZZO is still operating his gambling joint in Kenosha, Wis. MI T-2 stated RIZZO's customers in majority come from Milwaukee, and he could not operate profitably if it were not for the Milwaukee customers. MI T-3 stated RIZZO's craps game is regularly held on week-end nights, and gamblers from Illinois do not attend as they want no part of going into Wis. MI T-2 also stated RIZZO visited STEVE DE SALVO in Milwaukee during week of 12/24/62 to get "okay" to take over Racine and Kenosha in regard to payoffs. Also, on 1/3/63 RIZZO, COVELLI and a man known as "AL" visited DE SALVO and JOE GURERA at Milwaukee for a new bank loan for their craps game, and this meeting may have also related to abduction of ANTHONY JOSEPH BIERNAT, juke box operator at Kenosha, on night of 1/7/63. MI T-2 also said RIZZO ran his craps game at Kenosha on night of 1/11/63, and that RIZZO and COVELLI were in the juke box business together.

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DETAILS: AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

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On November 5, 1962 MI T-9 advised SA [redacted]
[redacted] that one [redacted] of Kenosha, Wisconsin



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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On December 7, 1962 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that one [redacted] of Racine, Wisconsin, who is an [redacted] both in Racine and Kenosha, recently [redacted] gamblers [redacted] [redacted] all of Milwaukee, who got into some trouble in Kenosha. T-2 said that [redacted] through Subject RIZZO, who is one of his closest friends, to [redacted] these three men. Informant added that [redacted] also is the [redacted] t in the same building where RIZZO operates his gambling establishment in Kenosha. Informant advised it is very possible also that [redacted] may be taking horse bets and other sporting events bets and then laying them off with RIZZO inasmuch as [redacted] is such a close friend of the latter.

On December 14, 1962 MI T-2 advised SA GASSAWAY that information had come to his attention one [redacted] notified the Milwaukee crowd that he did not want any more Wisconsin gamblers coming to his place as he did not want any trouble with the FBI. T-2 said that [redacted] gambling operations at the Old Homstead, just south of the Wisconsin-Illinois state line on U. S. Highway 41, hurt RIZZO a great deal as many of RIZZO's gambling customers went to [redacted] place instead. Informant said that RIZZO put the heat on [redacted] to move his gambling operations from the [redacted] [redacted] so that [redacted] gambling operations would not hurt RIZZO's business so much.

On December 21, 1962 MI T-2 advised SA GASSAWAY that RIZZO continues to operate his gambling joint regularly on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each week, and a great many of his gambling customers are from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Informant said that RIZZO could not operate profitably if it were not for these Milwaukee customers.

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On December 31, 1962 MI T-3 advised SA [] that Subject RIZZO's craps and poker games are still operating regularly on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. T-3 said that none of the gamblers who attend these sessions are from Illinois but are from Milwaukee and the southeastern Wisconsin area as the Illinois gamblers want no part of going into Wisconsin.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On January 4, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA GASSAWAY that JOHN RIZZO, of Kenosha, contacted STEVE DE SALVO in Milwaukee during the week of December 24, 1962 in order to get an "okay" from the outfit to take over Racine and Kenosha for payoffs to the BALISTRERI outfit. Informant said that RIZZO plans to lock up both towns as far as any payoffs are concerned. At present, [] of Kenosha, and a Negro gambler, who operates a poker game in Kenosha, allegedly are paying RIZZO approximately \$30 to \$35 a week. RIZZO was also alleged to have told STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA that he had an alderman and assemblyman in Racine tied up and also the new Sheriff, who is to take over in Kenosha County.

MI T-2 also said that on the night of January 3, 1963 RIZZO, BILL COVELLI, his partner, and a man named [] who works at RIZZO's craps game in Kenosha, came to Milwaukee where they met STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA at Gallagher's after the Harlem Globe Trotters basketball game in Milwaukee. Informant stated that on Sunday, December 30, 1962, RIZZO's craps game in Kenosha lost approximately \$6,000, and it was for this reason that RIZZO and his partner came to Milwaukee to obtain a new "bank" loan from DE SALVO and GURERA so that they could operate. RIZZO was given the money by GURERA or DE SALVO but it actually came from FRANK BALISTRERI although BALISTRERI himself would have no direct connection with this operation despite his having a financial interest in it.

MI T-2 said that, according to the talk, []

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[] of Milwaukee, won over \$3,000 at RIZZO's, [] won over \$1,800 and [] won \$300 in the game on Sunday night, December 30, 1962.

On January 11, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA GASSAWAY that, in respect to the abduction of ANTHONY JOSEPH BIERNAT, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, on January 7, 1963, it was very possible BIERNAT was treading on BILL COVELLI's or FRANK BALISTRIERI's toes as both of these individuals are in the juke box business. Informant said that BILL COVELLI is a partner of RIZZO's in the latter's craps game in Kenosha, which also FRANK BALISTRIERI has an interest in and also may have an interest in COVELLI's juke box business. Inasmuch as RIZZO visited DE SALVO and JOE GURERA in Milwaukee during the week of December 24, 1962 and again visited them on January 3 or 4, 1963 in Milwaukee, informant said it is very possible that, in addition to obtaining a bank loan for their craps game operation, their meeting also had something to do with the BIERNAT case.

On January 13, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA GASSAWAY information had been learned that JOHN RIZZO has a big piece of BILL COVELLI's juke box business and likewise also owns a big piece of a juke box business in Racine, Wisconsin. Informant also stated that evidently RIZZO and BILL COVELLI are not too concerned over the BIERNAT incident in Kenosha as they ran their craps game at Kenosha as usual, beginning on Friday night, January 11, 1963.

On January 18, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA GASSAWAY that rumors have been heard to the effect that the Milwaukee outfit wanted to take over BIERNAT's juke box business in Kenosha, and that they were also planning to take over everything in Kenosha and Racine. In respect to the third individual who visited Milwaukee with RIZZO and COVELLI on January 3 or 4, 1963 named [] informant advised that this party works for RIZZO in the

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craps game in Kenosha and is an Italian around 60 years of age, tall and thin, with grey hair and wears glasses. T-2 added that JOHN RIZZO and BILL COVELLI have been in the juke box business allegedly for several years, and that they also have a big piece of import and export business with an individual by the last name of GEROLMO, of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Date February 1, 1963

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On 1/22/63 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-165
by SA(A) ALBERT G. MACDONALD/lmp Date dictated 1/28/63

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On January 25, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA GASSAWAY that not too long ago STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA were

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Informant also stated that word has gone around in Milwaukee that RIZZO said he is going to have his craps game open in Kenosha on Friday, January 25, 1963.

On January 29, 1963 Captain [REDACTED] Milwaukee Police Department, advised SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM that he had a source who informed him that JOHN RIZZO had a big craps game in Kenosha on Saturday, January 26, 1963, and that [REDACTED] of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, won a large amount of money, and that a captain of the Kenosha Police Department was in attendance at this game.

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Captain [REDACTED] also stated he had learned that a [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] was extremely angered at her husband's loss of over \$3,000 at RIZZO's gambling joint in Kenosha and, in fact, had approached GRECO and RIZZO directly in an attempt to redeem this money. He said that, when [REDACTED] was unable to get anywhere with GRECO or RIZZO, she then went to FRANK BALISTRERI and attempted to redeem the money from him. [REDACTED] stated it was his opinion that [REDACTED] was unsuccessful but her husband is a first cousin of FRANK BALISTRERI, and his name was changed from an Italian name to the name of [REDACTED]

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On January 31, 1963 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised SAS RICHARD C. THOMPSON and ALBERT B. KNICKREHM that her husband used to go to Kenosha every Friday and Saturday night to gamble at JOHN RIZZO's. She stated her husband's habit of gambling was like a disease, and at one time he lost a large amount of money, which sum she did not wish to disclose. She added that, when she heard of this loss, she went to Kenosha one

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Saturday night and went to Greco's Restaurant. At this restaurant she talked to an old man whose last name was GRECO but whose first name she did not know. She advised she was told she could get in touch with JOHN RIZZO through GRECO and at first GRECO denied knowing RIZZO but, because of her persistence, GRECO finally left the restaurant and returned in a few minutes in the company of JOHN RIZZO who talked to her. [redacted] stated she then told RIZZO that she would like to have the money back that her husband had lost, but RIZZO played it down and stated that her husband actually did not lose nearly the amount he claimed but merely lost only \$20. [redacted] advised that RIZZO refused to give her any money, and he stated he just ran a penny ante game and it was nothing big. She advised that RIZZO is a very convincing man and could convince someone black is white and white is black. She stated he also uses such phrases as "on my mother's grave" and "so God is my judge," indicating he is telling the truth.

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[redacted] advised that RIZZO was an experienced liar and stated that this incident took place about August of 1962, and her husband has not been back to RIZZO's place since that time. [redacted] also refused to furnish the identity of any other gamblers that attend RIZZO's gambling operation in Kenosha, saying she did not care to end up in a cement grave. [redacted] said that her husband's real first name is [redacted] and his last name is [redacted] and that he is a [redacted]. She said that [redacted]. She also advised that her husband is related to [redacted].

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On February 1, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM that BILL COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO, of Kenosha, have been coming to Milwaukee almost every Tuesday to see STEVE DE SALVO or JOE GURERA. Informant advised that on [redacted]

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On February 3, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA GASSAWAY information had been learned that ANTHONY BIERNAT, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, handled a book in Kenosha, and thus BIERNAT may have very possibly been shaken down by DE SALVO and JOE GURERA for weekly payments to the outfit for operating a book in Kenosha as informant had learned that some of the gamblers in Kenosha had been contacted by DE SALVO and GURERA for this purpose.



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Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin

February 13, 1963

Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
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In connection with captioned matter, it is to be noted a current report was prepared and submitted to the Bureau 2/13/63 by SA [redacted] at Milwaukee. b6 b7C

On 2/8/63, [redacted] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that Subject RIZZO's gambling site at Kenosha, Wisconsin, was open on weekend of 1/26/63; but after a meeting was held by Chief of Police STANLEY G. HAUKE DAHL with the various gamblers in Kenosha during that following week, RIZZO did not operate his gambling games on the weekend of 2/2/63. b7D

On 2/16/63, [redacted] advised SA GASSAWAY that RIZZO also did not operate on the weekend of 2/9/63 and, in addition, [redacted] b7D

Intensification of all phases of this investigation is being conducted with view to fully develop information regarding RIZZO's criminal activities and influence in the Racine-Kenosha, Wisc., area; and to further develop the extent to which RIZZO has encroached into other legitimate areas of business activity such as the jukebox and other coin operated vending machine operations.

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Special Agent in Charge

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 2/28/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/6-18/63
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY jah
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Report of SA Milwaukee 2/13/63
Milwaukee airtel to Bureau 2/22/63

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU (2):

Original and one copy of Letterhead Memorandum reflecting characterizations of informants utilized in this report.

LEADS

MILWAUKEE DIVISIONAT KENOSHA, WIS.

1. Will in course of investigation, consider attempt to secure permission of RIZZO to take a Polygraph examination; and, attempt to develop areas wherein recommendation for a survey for institution of highly confidential sources may be made.

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2. Will continue through informants and logical sources to develop current activities and associates of Subject, the extent of his gambling activities and the identities of any bettors participating in these operations at Kenosha, Wis.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Bureau by airtel to Milwaukee dated 2/13/63, captioned "JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka, AR", Bufile 92-4690, identified JOHN CHARLES RIZZO of Kenosha, Wis. as one of several hoodlums on which the Milwaukee Office was directed to vigorously investigate, submitting weekly summary airtels and to submit a report to reach the Bureau by 3/1/63 and thereafter report on a 30 day basis without fail.

INFORMANT

<u>IDENTITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	
MI T-2 is [REDACTED]	92-164-161, 164	b7D
MI T-10 is [REDACTED]	92-255-38	b6
[REDACTED] (by request)		b7C
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Date: 2/28/63

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Field Office File No.: MI 92-164

Bureau File No.: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

MI T-10 advised 2/6/63 that continuous gambling games are run in Kenosha, Wis. by Subject RIZZO and BILL COVELLI with big games run on Wednesday and Sunday nights and [REDACTED] of a key club where gambling is carried on. MI T-2 advised 2/8/63 that RIZZO's gambling game operated on weekend of 1/26/63, but did not open on weekend of 2/2/63 as Chief of Police HAUKEHAHL in meeting with gamblers of Kenosha, Wis. prior to that date ordered gambling ended. T-2 also advised on 2/16/63, that RIZZO [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On February 6, 1963, MI T-10 advised SA [REDACTED] that he is certain something is wrong with the Kenosha Police Department, based mainly on the fact that gambling and prostitution are so flagrant and wide open. Informant said for example he knows there are continuous gambling games run in Kenosha, Wisconsin by Subject RIZZO and BILL COVELLI at the place located next door to Greco's Restaurant on 56th Street near 27th Avenue, Kenosha. He also said upstairs above DANTE's Bar on 52nd Street, Kenosha was a gambling spot and at about 4:00 AM on the previous date of February 5, there apparently was a big game going on at Dante's which is [REDACTED] and this is not a

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friendly type game, but a house game. Informant added Wednesday and Sunday nights are when the big games reportedly held in Kenosha.

MI T-10 in regards to [REDACTED]

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MI T-10 advised further that he personally knew STEVE DI SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE, approximately two or three years ago were close associates of FRANK BALISTRIERI and DI SALVO and

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On February 8, 1963, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that information has circulated that ANTHONY J. BIERNAT of Kenosha, Wisconsin, last summer in 1962 took bets and BIERNAT was considered to be a bookie in Kenosha, but did not know the place from which BIERNAT was booking. Informant further advised JOHN RIZZO's gambling game was closed in Kenosha over the weekend of February 2, 1963, but had been opened on the weekend of January 26, 1963 and apparently the reported meeting by Chief of Police HAUKE DAHL with gamblers in Kenosha prior to February 2, 1963, wherein the chief ordered gambling ended in Kenosha was the reason that RIZZO had not opened.

On February 16, 18, 1963, MI T-2 advised SA GASSAWAY that RIZZO [REDACTED] definitely did not operate on that weekend at Kenosha, Wisconsin as Chief of Police HAUKE DAHL in Kenosha told all of the gamblers to close and stay closed for the time being.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
February 28, 1963**

Title

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference

**Report of SA [redacted]
[redacted] dated and
captioned as above.**

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

February 28, 1963

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JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

MI T-2 is

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MI T-10 is

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Date: 3/1/63

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To: Director, FBI (92-5012)
From: SAC, Milwaukee (92-164) P
Subject: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
AR
OO: Milwaukee

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

ReMilwaukee airtel to Bureau 2/22/63.

On 2/26/63, [redacted] advised that Subject JOHN CHARLES RIZZO and
BILL COVELLI of Kenosha, Wisc., visited Milwaukee on [redacted]

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Date: 3/8/63

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From: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) (P)
Subject: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka.
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OO: Milwaukee

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Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/1/63.

On 3/7/63 ALBERT ALBANA, residing at 3029 - 52nd Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and himself subject of Milwaukee case entitled "ALBERT ALBANA, aka., AR" Milwaukee File 92-316, was interviewed at Kenosha, Wisconsin by Bureau Agents and denied being involved in any way with the BERNAT abduction and killing. He also denied knowing or recognizing the photographs of STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA, FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI and [REDACTED] ALBANA also denied visiting at Milwaukee, Wisconsin in December, 1962 or of having on January 4, 1963 in company with JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI visited at BALISTRIERI's Gallagher's Restaurant and attended the Harlem Globetrotters basketball exhibition that evening in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. ALBANA also refused to discuss the nature of his associations with either COVELLI or RIZZO at Kenosha and refused to divulge his income and earnings as well as the source thereof. He also refused to discuss his knowledge of the activities, legitimate or otherwise, of either COVELLI or RIZZO and refused to discuss the

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matter of gambling being conducted next door to Greco's Restaurant in Kenosha. In respect to DOMINIC PRINCIPE, ALBANA said he considers himself to be a good friend of PRINCIPE's and is the [redacted] age 14. ALBANA said it has been a couple of weeks since he contacted PRINCIPE and could not recall having visited him at the PRINCIPE home within any more recent date. ALBANA also refused to execute a waiver for a polygraph examination until such time as he could contact his lawyer.

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FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) -P-

SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
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OO: MILWAUKEE

ReMI-airtel to Bureau 3/8/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 2/25/63 [] advised subject RIZZO still not operating his gambling game at Kenosha, Wis., due to the "heat" from the BERNAT murder and orders of Chief of Police HAUKEHAHL of Kenosha. b7D

On 3/11/63 [] PCI, [] advised []

[] craps and poker gambling determined there is small "craps" game being conducted in rear of Friendly Tavern, 6210 14th Ave., Kenosha, but this is allegedly only for colored element and West side Italian crowd is not involved. Informant said he also learned that BILL "WEISER" COVELLI, partner of RIZZO in latter's gambling operation, left Kenosha during middle of previous week and is said to have gone to Hot Springs, Ark. and RIZZO possibly also has gone to same place. Informant advised he also learned that COVELLI has some spot on 27th Ave., Kenosha, exact address not yet learned, where he stores his cigarette machines and also has some juke boxes stored there as well. In this connection it is noted COVELLI's alleged [] resides at [] b6 b7C b7D

Spot checks of RIZZO's residence at 1906 Emmertson Rd., Racine, Wis., conducted by the PD, Racine, since 3/6/63, according to Chief LEROY JENKINS (NA), PD, Racine, have been negative for any activity or presence of cars other than the two belonging to the RIZZOS and both of these were spotted on driveway of residence on 3/12 and 13/63 although RIZZO himself was not seen.

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Date: 3/22/63

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5012)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) - P -

SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
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OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel, 3/15/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Detective [redacted] Special Detail, Racine PD, made pretext call on 3/13/63 to [redacted] Racine, Wisconsin, and asked for RIZZO. She stated she had heard from [redacted] the night before and they told her they were in Amarillo, Texas and leaving the following day for Las Vegas and that "BILL" COVELLI and his wife were with them. She said [redacted] had left Racine, Wisconsin on about 3/10/63 and she was expecting them back in 10 or 12 days from 3/13 which would be approximately weekend of 3/25/63. Detective [redacted] stated that [redacted] might possibly have "fibbed" regarding [redacted] location but it would be more likely that [redacted] might have told her they were in some city other than where they were actually staying to avoid directly involving [redacted]

On 3/18/63, [redacted] advised he had heard that [redacted] a Milwaukee gambler, was down in Hot Springs, Ark. and supposed to meet JOHNNY RIZZO and BILL COVELLI there on that day. They were planning to bet on a "fixed" horse race at Oakland Park on 3/18/63.

On 3/19/63, Agents of the Milwaukee Office observed RIZZO's two cars located in his closed garage at 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine County, Wisconsin.

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FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
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OO: MILWAUKEE

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Re Milwaukee airtel 3/22/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 3/22/63 [] stated that he heard that [] a Milwaukee gambler, did, in fact, meet WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO at Oakland Park Race Track, Hot Springs, Arkansas on 3/18/63. [] also stated he had heard that COVELLI and RIZZO were in Los Angeles, California either before or after 3/18/63 where they contacted [] reportedly a hoodlum and night club operator of Encino, California, a Los Angeles suburb. Also while at [] the met [] and [] who are known Milwaukee gamblers who were also visiting []

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On 3/27/63 [] Kenosha, Wis., a business associate of ANTHONY JOSEPH BIERNAT and victim of the case entitled "ANTHONY JOSEPH BIERNAT, aka., MISSING PERSON - MURDER, BUfile 79-28647, MIfile 79-56," advised agents on 3/27/63 that he had heard that WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO had gone to Hot Springs, Arkansas where they met a Milwaukee gambler whose name was unknown to [] COVELLI and RIZZO then went to Las Vegas, Nevada and [] stated that additional information he had received more recently was that they were still out of the state of Wisconsin. He advised that as of 3/27/63 he did not know of their specific whereabouts.

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On 3/28/63 [redacted] (protect), Kenosha, Wisconsin, advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that [redacted] and a personal friend of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO. [redacted] stated that COVELLI and RIZZO have regularly [redacted] and that when COVELLI went on his lengthy out-of-state trip several weeks ago that [redacted] no longer saw JOHN RIZZO and that subsequently [redacted] they were on the trip together. In more recent times [redacted] had heard that "WEISER" COVELLI, and [redacted] presumed RIZZO, had gone to Los Angeles, California area to visit COVELLI's relatives whose true names are [redacted] (phonetic) and that they are using the Anglicized version of the name [redacted] (phonetic).

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Numerous contacts have been made by agents from 3/22 through 3/28/63 with various sources for the purpose of developing further information pertaining to RIZZO, his background, and his different activities as well as his possible involvement in the abduction and slaying of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT, a Kenosha, Wis. juke box operator, but with negative results.

With respect to apparent similarity of information furnished regarding WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, the Bureau's attention is directed to the fact that these individuals are in business together, they are regularly in each other's social company, and accordingly information received is frequently applied equally to COVELLI and RIZZO.

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 4/5/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/25/63 - 3/29/63
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka.		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY ef
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Report of SA Milwaukee,
dated 2/28/63;
Milwaukee airtels to the Bureau dated 3/8, 15, 22,
and 29/63.

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Original and one copy of Letterhead Memorandum reflecting
characterizations of informants utilized in this report.

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

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1. Will continue through informants and other logical sources to develop additional information regarding current activities of Subject and his associates, and ascertain the extent, if any, of subject's gambling activities.
2. Will, during the course of investigation, determine propitious time to approach Subject regarding permission to give polygraph examination

At Racine, Wisconsin

1. Will maintain contact with the Special Detail, Racine Police Department, for information they have developed regarding any of RIZZO's contacts and activities in that area.
2. Will endeavor to ascertain if RIZZO has attempted to expand or obtain a "cut" of any activity in the Racine area.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will through informants and other logical sources attempt to develop additional information regarding RIZZO's current activities, his associates and the extent of the gambling in which he might be participating.

INFORMANTS

Identity

MI T-1 is	[redacted]	b7D
MI T-2 is	[redacted]	
MI T-3 is	[redacted]	
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of:
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4/5/63

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Field Office File No.: MI 92-164

Bureau File No.: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

MI T-1 on 2/25/63, advised that as of that time WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO were still not operating their gambling game at Kenosha, Wis. due to "heat" following the abduction and murder of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT. On 2/26/63, RIZZO and COVELLI visited Milwaukee, Wis. and spent a good part of the evening with FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, Milwaukee hoodlum. COVELLI at that time, according to informant, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ALBERT "CADILLAC AL" ALBANA, possible suspect in BIERNAT abduction and killing, denies knowledge of gambling game operated by COVELLI and RIZZO at Kenosha, Wis., or that ALBANA had been employed there. COVELLI and RIZZO and their wives left Kenosha, Wis. area approximately 3/10/63, for extended motor trip. They were reported to have gone to Hot Springs, Ark., Los Angeles, California area, as well as other possible places. COVELLI and RIZZO returned to Wisconsin approximately 3/28/63.

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DETAILS: At Kenosha, Wisconsin

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 12, 1963

[redacted] Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, advised that [redacted] and [redacted] Investigators, Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, on February 21, 1963, had interviewed [redacted]

[redacted] advised that on February 21, 1963, during the course of the interview [redacted] had stated he knew "WEISER" COVELLI to be a partner in a gambling establishment in Kenosha, Wisconsin, with JOHN RIZZO of Racine and formerly of Milwaukee, and that RIZZO was a very close friend of FRANK BALISTRIERI of Milwaukee.

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[redacted] repeated that "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO were partners in a gambling establishment that had horse betting, crap games and poker games, and that this place was located on 56th Street and 22nd Avenue between Gerolmo's Wholesale House and Greco's Restaurant on the south side of 56th Street.

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On 3/5/63 at Kenosha, Wisconsin File # MI 92-164

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by SA [redacted]/ef Date dictated 3/8/63

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Date March 14, 1963

ALBERT ALBANA, also known as "Cadillac Al" was interviewed on March 7, 1963 and was advised that he did not have to make any statements, that any statements he made could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult an attorney.

ALBANA advised that he was born February 1, 1901 in New York City and that he has been a resident of Kenosha, Wisconsin for about 46 years, having come to Kenosha from New York City. He advised that with regard to his employment he had a fox and mink ranch in Benton Township, Illinois shortly after arriving in Kenosha. He advised that when World War II started he was asked to work in a defense plant because of his age and he went to work at the Kaiser Shipyards, Swan Island, Portland, Oregon, where he was employed from about 1942 to 1944. He stated that he arrived back in Kenosha, Wisconsin in about 1944 and since that time has been employed at J. I. Case Company in Racine, Wisconsin, Nash, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and Simmons Mattress in Kenosha, Wisconsin. He stated that because of his health he has had no employment for the past five or six years and that he lives off of his wife's income, adding that his wife works at American Motors.

He stated that he was arrested in 1929 on a bootlegging charge and was sentenced in Federal Court to serve a term of 13 months which he served at the House of Correction in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. He advised that he has been arrested on several other occasions but was not convicted. He declined to name the dates that he was arrested and also the charge for which he was arrested since he was not convicted of any of these charges.

He advised that at the present time he is having marital difficulty and that he only spends three or four nights a week at home. He stated that his marital difficulties stem from the fact that his present wife is going through her change of life and is very difficult to get along with. When asked where he was spending the remaining days of each week he declined to answer and when he was asked by the interviewing Agents if he was spending this time at Dante's Bar he stated "Well, if you know the answer, why did you ask."

On 3/7/63 at Kenosha, Wisconsin File # MI 92-316
by SAs [redacted] and ALBERT B. KNICKREHM /Jb Date dictated 3/8/63
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ALBANA was asked if it was true that he was employed by JOHN RIZZO who operates a gambling game next door to Greco's Restaurant. He said he was not so employed. When he was asked if it was true that he was employed as a doorman for RIZZO at RIZZO's gambling game, he denied that he was so employed. When he was asked if he knew JOHN RIZZO he said he did and that he has known RIZZO for about five years. He stated that he knows RIZZO only from hanging around Greco's Restaurant and doesn't know what RIZZO does for a living. When he was asked if he knew that RIZZO ran a gambling game next door to Greco's Restaurant, he stated that we would have to ask RIZZO about that, adding that he doesn't delve into other people's personal business.

When ALBANA was asked whether or not he knew DOMINIC PRINCIPE, he stated that PRINCIPE was a long-time friend of his and that he, ALBANA, was the godfather of PRINCIPE's youngest daughter. He stated that he has not seen PRINCIPE for about two weeks, adding that PRINCIPE, who is also known to him as "Popeye," has a restaurant and apartment houses in Lake Zurich, Illinois and spends most of his time there. He stated that PRINCIPE comes into Kenosha only on weekends. When he was asked if he has been to PRINCIPE's home within the past few weeks he stated that he did not recall but added that he has been to PRINCIPE's home on at least one occasion since the beginning of the year. He advised that PRINCIPE does not associate with the west side gang in Kenosha who all hang out at Greco's Restaurant from time to time, adding that PRINCIPE is busy with his business in Lake Zurich, Illinois and works on his home, which he is building in Kenosha, when he is in Kenosha on weekends. When asked if PRINCIPE had anything to do with the murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT he stated that he didn't know and added that he didn't think so, stating that PRINCIPE is not that type of an individual.

When ALBANA was asked whether or not he knew WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI he stated that he has known COVELLI all of his life. He stated that COVELLI is about 40 years old. When he was asked whether he knew what type of work COVELLI was doing, he stated that he does not know what COVELLI does for a living, adding that we would have to ask COVELLI about that. When it was pointed out to him that he claims to have known COVELLI all of COVELLI's life and that having known him that long it

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was only logical that he should know what COVELLI does for a living, he stated that he doesn't delve into the personal business of his friends. When he was asked if he knew that COVELLI was working at RIZZO's gambling game, he stated he did not know this.

He advised that he has absolutely no business affiliation with either WILLIAM COVELLI or JOHN RIZZO. He denied that he sometimes travels with COVELLI and RIZZO and specifically denied having been in Milwaukee, Wisconsin the last week in December of 1962 or the first week in January of 1963 with both RIZZO and COVELLI. When it was pointed out to him that

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he emphatically denied any such association. When he was asked if RIZZO and COVELLI were in Milwaukee the first week in January of 1963, he stated he did not know whether or not they were, adding that we would have to ask them. He advised that he never heard of Gallagher's Steak House in Milwaukee and also never heard of the Talk of the Town in Milwaukee. He stated that he could not even recall when he was in Milwaukee the last time.

He was shown photographs of the following individuals and denied knowing or seeing any of these individuals. He also denied having any association with any of these individuals:

FRANK BALISTRIERI
STEVE DE SALVO
BUSTER BALESTRERE

JOE GURERA

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ALBANA denied having any part in the abduction and murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT. He also denied having any knowledge of this crime. He advised that he had absolutely no idea who may have abducted and murdered BIERNAT nor did he have any idea as to why BIERNAT was killed. He advised that he knew BIERNAT but did not know him well, adding that this was a terrible crime. When it was pointed out to ALBANA that we had information from various sources to the effect that he had participated in this

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crime, he emphatically denied this, adding that our information was incorrect. He advised that if we would check back through his past history we would find that he is not a violent man. When he was asked if he would agree to taking a polygraph test he advised that he would have to consult his attorney first. He added that after consulting his attorney he probably would agree to taking such a test. When he was asked to sign a waiver in preparation for taking a polygraph test he declined to do so, stating he wanted to consult his attorney first.

The following description was taken from interview and observation:

Name:	ALBERT (no middle name) ALBANA , also known as "Cadillac Al"
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Birth Date:	February 1, 1901
Birth Place:	New York City <i>N.Y.</i>
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	190 lbs.
Hair:	Brown, graying, receding
Eyes:	Brown, wears glasses
Scar:	1½" scar in hairline over left eyebrow (not readily noticeable)
	[Redacted]
	[Redacted]
	[Redacted] does not know his present whereabouts
	[Redacted]
	[Redacted], at home; step-daughter ANITA, deceased five years ago;
	[Redacted]
Brothers & Sisters:	U.S. Air Force, Tampa, Florida None
Parents:	Deceased

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On March 27, 1963, [] Kenosha, Wisconsin, a business associate of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT, murder victim, advised Special Agent JOHN H. GASSAWAY he had heard that WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO had gone to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they met a Milwaukee gambler, whose name was unknown to [] COVELLI and RIZZO then went to Las Vegas, Nevada. b6 b7C

On March 28, 1963, MI T-3 advised Special Agents [] and [] that he is acquainted with []

[] According to MI T-3, [] is a personal friend of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO. Informant advised that COVELLI and RIZZO [] and that when COVELLI went on his lengthy out-of-state trip several weeks ago, informant no longer saw JOHN RIZZO, and subsequently MI T-3 heard they were on the trip together. MI T-3 stated that in more recent times he had heard that "WEISER" COVELLI (and he also presumed RIZZO) had gone to Los Angeles, California, to visit COVELLI's relatives, whose true name is [] (ph), and that they are using the Anglicized version of the name, [] (ph). b6 b7C b7D

On March 28, 1963, a spot check of "WEISER" COVELLI's home at Kenosha, Wisconsin, by Special Agent [] disclosed that COVELLI and [] arrived home at approximately 10:22 PM in a white 1963 Dodge Dart. b6 b7C

On March 29, 1963, [] Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, made a pretext call to COVELLI's residence and [] advised him that "WEISER" was at the doctor's office and would not be home until late afternoon. b6 b7C

At Racine, Wisconsin

Chief of Police LEROY JENKINS (NA) advised SA [] on March 15, 1963, that spot checks of RIZZO's residence at 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine County, Wisconsin, conducted by the representatives of the Racine Police Department since March 10, 1963, had been negative as to any activity or presence of cars other than the two belonging to the RIZZOs, and both of these were observed on the driveway of the residence on March 12 and 13, 1963, although RIZZO himself was not seen. b6 b7C

Detective [] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, made a pretext call on March 13, 1963, to [] Racine, Wisconsin, and asked for JOHN RIZZO. [] stated she had heard from [] the night before and they told her they were in Amarillo, Texas, and leaving the b6 b7C

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following day for Las Vegas, Nevada, and that BILL COVELLI and his wife were with the RIZZO's. [redacted] stated [redacted] had left Racine, Wisconsin, on March 10, 1963, and that she was expecting them back in ten or twelve days from March 13, 1963, which would be approximately the week end of March 25, 1963.

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On March 19, 1963, Agents of the Milwaukee Division observed RIZZO's two cars located in his closed garage at 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine County, Wisconsin, but RIZZO or other members of his family were not observed.

On March 29, 1963, Chief of Police LEROY JENKINS, Racine Police Department, advised Special Agent [redacted] that members of his department had maintained a "spot check" on the residence of JOHN RIZZO, 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine County, but had observed no activity on the part of RIZZO or his wife up to March 29, 1963. On that date both of RIZZO's cars had been moved, indicating probable return of Subject JOHN RIZZO from his trip with WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI.

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Detective [redacted] Special Detail, Racine Police Department on March 29, 1963, advised that contacts made by him that date developed information that JOHN RIZZO and his wife had returned to their residence in Racine County following their trip with WILLIAM COVELLI and his wife.

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Confidential Informant MI T-1 on February 25, 1963, advised Special Agent JOHN H. GASSAWAY that WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO are still not operating their gambling game at Kenosha, Wisconsin, due to the "heat" following the ANTHONY J. BIERNAT abduction and murder at Kenosha, Wisconsin, and also in accordance with orders of Chief of Police STANLEY HAUKE DAHL.

On February 26, 1963, MI T-2 advised Special Agent [redacted] that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO and BILL COVELLI. Kenosha. Wisconsin, had visited Milwaukee on [redacted]

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MI T-1 on March 11, 1963, advised Special Agent JOHN H. GASSAWAY that he had endeavored [redacted] COVELLI or AL ALBANA at Kenosha, Wisconsin, and learned only that they were out of town and not available.

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MI T-1 stated that a pretext contact at the residence of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, Racine County, Wisconsin, had elicited information that RIZZO and his wife were traveling with Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM COVELLI and that they were due to arrive in Las Vegas on or about March 15, 1963, and would be back in Wisconsin approximately March 22, 1963.

MI T-1 on March 18, 1963, advised Special Agent JOHN H. GASSAWAY that he had heard that [redacted] a Milwaukee gambler, was down in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and was supposed to meet JOHN RIZZO and BILL COVELLI there on that date. They were planning to bet on a "fixed" horse race at Oakland Park on March 18, 1963.

On March 22, 1963, MI T-1 advised Special Agent JOHN H. GASSAWAY he had heard that [redacted] a Milwaukee gambler, did in fact meet WILLIAM COVELLI and RIZZO at the Oakland Park Race Track, Hot Springs, Arkansas, on March 18, 1963. MI T-1 said he had also heard that COVELLI and RIZZO were in Los Angeles, either before or after March 18, 1963, where they contacted [redacted], reportedly a hoodlum and night club operator at Encino, California, a Los Angeles suburb. Also, while COVELLI and RIZZO were at [redacted] they met [redacted] and [redacted] who are known Milwaukee gamblers and were also visiting [redacted].



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
April 5, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. **MI 92-164**

Title **JOHN CHARLES RIZZO**

Character **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
Milwaukee, dated and captioned as
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. MI 92-164

Re: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

The following is a characterization of informants used
in the report of SA [redacted] Milwaukee,
dated and captioned as above:

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MI T-1 is [redacted]
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MI T-2 is [redacted]
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MI T-3 is [redacted]
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Date: 4/5/63

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TO: Director, FBI (92-5012)

From: *PHS/HUC* SAC, Milwaukee (92-164) P

Subject: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
AR

OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/29/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 3/29/63, COP LEROY JENKINS, Racine, Wisconsin, PD, advised SA [] that members of his department had maintained a "spot check" on the residence of JOHN RIZZO, 1906 Emmertson Rd., Racine County, but had observed no activity on the part of RIZZO or his wife up to 3/29/63. On that date both of RIZZO's cars had been moved, indicating probable return of RIZZO from his trip with WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI.

On 3/29/63, Detective [], Special Detail, Racine PD, advised that contacts made by him that date developed information that RIZZO and his wife had returned to their residence in Racine County following their trip with WILLIAM COVELLI and his wife.

[] on 4/1/63, advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that he had heard nothing further regarding current activities or plans "to operate a gambling game" on the part of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO at Kenosha, Wisc.

On 4/5/63, Detective [] Special Detail, Racine PD, advised that spot checks of RIZZO's residence, Racine County, have indicated that since the "heat" in Kenosha cause by the ANTHONY J. BIERNAT abduction and slaying and the slaying by [] within the past week, RIZZO appears to have remained around his home. [] advised RIZZO was observed working in his yard on 4/3/63.

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Contacts with various sources of information during past week have failed to develop any indication that RIZZO has been active in past week or that he has made any plans for any gambling operation.

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To: SAC, Milwaukee (92-164)
From: Director, FBI (92-5012) 27

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Reurairtel 4-13-63, and reBuairtel 2-13-63, captioned, "Joseph Frank Gurera, aka., AR," your file 92-257.

The Bureau desires continuing investigative attention be afforded captioned matter in line with reBuairtel. In order to follow your progress and to be kept advised of developments as they occur, it is desired that you continue to submit weekly summary airtels in captioned matter.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5012)

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) - P -

SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
AR
OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 4/5/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 4/8/63, [] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that gambling activities at Kenosha, Wisconsin customarily conducted by WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO have been resumed. As of that date [] stated that to the best of his knowledge neither COVELLI nor RIZZO has been to Milwaukee to see FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI.

On 4/10/63, Chief LEROY JENKINS, Racine PD, advised that [] had been approved for a bartenders license by the Licensing Committee of Racine, Wisconsin on 4/9/63. This approval is subject to the subsequent approval of the Racine Common Council.

On 4/11/63 Detectives [] and [] Special Detail, Racine PD, confirmed the fact that [] had been approved for a bartenders license in Racine, Wisconsin. They further identified [] as having been the [] at the gambling spot operated by COVELLI and RIZZO at Kenosha, Wisconsin until recent times. They believe that since it appears that all gambling has been closed in Kenosha in view of the "heat" due to the TONY BERNAT abduction and slaying and the recent killing of []

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[redacted] that [redacted] is now forced to obtain some type of legitimate employment to compensate for his loss of employment in the gambling place at Kenosha, Wisconsin previously operated by COVELLI and RIZZO.

Spot checks by Bureau Agents and members of the Racine PD on the RIZZO residence non-productive during past week. Informants and other sources available to law enforcement agencies have no concrete or specific information re RIZZO.

In view of his complete lack of activity and contact with other underworld figures, the weekly airtels submitted by the Milwaukee Office will be discontinued at this time UACB.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5012)
 FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) (P)
 SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
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OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau 4/13/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 4/15/63 Detective [redacted] Special Detail, Racine, Wis. PD, advised that on 4/13/63 [redacted] DeSoto automobile was observed in the driveway of JOHN RIZZO's residence in Racine County, Wis. practically all day and that one of RIZZO's two automobiles was gone during the same length of time. Detective [redacted] stated he believed that RIZZO and [redacted] were probably together for most of this period, pointing out that [redacted] at the gambling place formerly operated by WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO, is reported to be "extremely loyal" to RIZZO.

On 4/10/63 [redacted] stated that he learned that [redacted] of Milwaukee, Wis. had also been at Hot Springs, Arkansas during the time that JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI had been there and that RIZZO and COVELLI wined and dined [redacted] and paid a great deal of attention to him.

Informant advised he did not know the significance of the fact that COVELLI and RIZZO had paid so much attention to [redacted] but it could possibly be in view of the fact that [redacted] trial of FRANK

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BALISTRIERI on charge of allowing B-girls to sit at tables with customers at one of his night clubs. Informant pointed out that if BALISTRIERI were found guilty of the charge he would very probably lose his liquor license at the Downtowner in Milwaukee, Wis.

The informant also related that he understood that [redacted] along with COVELLI and RIZZO, went to one of the hotels at Hot Springs, Arkansas and watched a crap game there. He did not know whether [redacted] participated in the game. Informant further advised that [redacted] a Milwaukee bookie, was also there together with a friend of JOE GURERA's from Kansas City. Informant advised that he had learned that JOHNNY RIZZO's and WILLIAM COVELLI's crap game in Kenosha, Wis. was still closed down.

On 4/16/63 [redacted] advised that RIZZO and COVELLI definitely have not reopened their crap game in Kenosha, Wis. and have apparently been remaining inactive.

Contacts with various sources of information during past week have failed to develop any indication that RIZZO has been active in recent past or that he has made any plans for immediate gambling operations.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5012)

FROM: *OK* SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) -P-

SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
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(OO: MILWAUKEE)

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 4/19/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On April 19, 1963, [redacted] PCI,
advised SA [redacted] that in the last two
weeks, certain of the gamblers in the Kenosha, Wisconsin
area started opening up but only in the fields of horse
betting and sports, such as baseball. In this regard,

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On April 23, 1963, [] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that as far as he knows JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI have not been to Milwaukee to see FRANK BALISTRERI or STEVE DE SALVO since they returned from their trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas. He advised that he is quite certain that RIZZO and COVELLI will not open their crap game in Kenosha for quite a period of time due to the heat of the BERNAT killing.

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In regard to rumors that RIZZO and COVELLI had approached bookies in Kenosha and told them that they would furnish the line daily for 50 per cent of their winnings, informant said that this would be a ridiculous price and that none of the gamblers or bookies could afford to agree to it. He said that RIZZO and COVELLI would more likely charge a flat fee for this service as that is the way it is usually done. He said that they would probably be getting their line from Milwaukee bookies who in turn would obtain it from "the office," which is operated by the "outfit," in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5012)
 From: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) (P)
 Subject: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka.
 AR
 OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 4/26/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 4/22/63 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO and WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI [redacted]

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On 4/29/63 [redacted] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that he had heard nothing further relative to the efforts being made by WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN C. RIZZO to set up a central booking arrangement in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area.

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[redacted] (protect). [redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 4/30/63 that as of approximately two to three years ago JOHN RIZZO used to visit the Elks Club at Racine, Wisconsin but that when his visits to the Club became known, and in order to avoid possible problems, RIZZO was asked to stay

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away from the Elks Club. RIZZO was subsequently heard to be spending most of his time in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area rather than in the Racine, Wisconsin area.

Detectives [] and [] Special Detail, Racine, Wisconsin Police Department, on 5/2/63 advised that [] at the gambling place operated by COVELLI and RIZZO at Kenosha, Wisconsin, had been seen early in the week of 4/29/63 to be working as a bartender in the Marine Bar located at 11th Street and South Lafayette Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin. They also advised that [] had been observed at this same bar working as a bartender on 5/2/63.

Detectives [] and [] on 4/30/63 advised SA [] that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, who resides in Racine County rather than in the city of Racine, had been observed in the downtown Racine area on two occasions within the last week to 10 days. [] and [] stated that it had been a very long time since RIZZO has been seen in the downtown Racine area as frequently as that. Detectives [] and [] conjectured that public appearances on the part of RIZZO and the new employment of [] is probably a part of the plan of the individuals associated or connected with the outfit to establish an "apparent legitimate front" for the time being at least.

Spot checks made of the residence of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO who resides outside of the City of Racine in Racine County, Wis. by Detectives of the Special Detail, Racine Police Department, and by Bureau Agents, have failed to disclose the presence of any cars of individuals who are currently known to be members of or affiliated with "the outfit" in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 5/6/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/1/63 - 5/3/63
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka.		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY sve
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

REFERENCES

Report of SA dated 4/5/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 4/13/63;
 Bureau airtel to Milwaukee dated 4/17/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 5/3/63.

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ENCLOSURESENCLOSURES TO BUREAU (2):

Original and one copy of Letterhead Memorandum reflecting characterizations of informants utilized in this report.

LEADSTHE MILWAUKEE DIVISION

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT		NOTATIONS	
AGENCY	<i>[Handwritten: 11/1/63]</i>		
REQUEST RECD.	<i>[Handwritten: 5/18/63]</i>		
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BY	<i>[Handwritten: 11/1/63]</i>		

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

1. Will continue through informants and other logical sources to develop additional information regarding current activities of Subject and his associates, and ascertain the extent, if any, of Subject's gambling activities.
2. Will through various sources attempt to develop additional information regarding the proposed central booking arrangement being contemplated by WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO.

At Racine, Wisconsin

1. Will maintain contact with the Special Detail, Racine Police Department, for information they might have developed regarding any of RIZZO's contacts and activities in that area.
2. Will attempt to ascertain whether [redacted] [redacted] for COVELLI and RIZZO, has current betting contacts with known gamblers in that area.

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will through informants and other logical sources attempt to develop additional information regarding RIZZO's current activities, his associates and the extent of gambling in which he might be participating.

ADMINISTRATIVE

In connection with mentioning the name of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI, the partner of Subject JOHN CHARLES RIZZO in the latter's gambling operations at 2207 - 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, it is to be noted that COVELLI is also the subject of a current Milwaukee case entitled, "WILLIAM COVELLI, aka; IGA," Milwaukee file 162-49, Bureau file 162-777.

It is to be noted that reference to ANTHONY BIERNAT relates to an investigation being conducted by the Bureau and wherein BIERNAT, who was a local jukebox operator of only moderate means in Kenosha, Wisconsin, was forceably abducted at approximately 10:15 P.M. on January 7, 1963 in Kenosha, Wisconsin by three or four unidentified assailants. BIERNAT's

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body was subsequently found buried in lime in a shallow grave at the abandoned Bong Air Force Base, Kenosha County, Wisconsin in the late evening of January 28, 1963. Cause of death was attributed to at least three severe blows to the top back and right rear of his head which probably occurred about midnight of January 7, 1963 at the site where the body was found buried. Investigation in the BIERNAT matter is being carried under the caption, "JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka; AR," Milwaukee file 92-257, Bureau file 92-4690.

INFORMANTS

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, MILWAUKEE

Report of:
Date:SA [REDACTED]
May 6, 1963

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Field Office File No.:

MI 92-164

Bureau File No.: 92-5012

Title:

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

No current indication that WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO have resumed gambling at Kenosha, Wisconsin. However, one source has stated that in early April, 1963 a "friend" of COVELLI's was reported to have visited a number of gamblers in the Kenosha area with view of having these gamblers join with RIZZO in a central booking establishment. Calls to be made from only "pay" stations, and locations to vary to avoid establishing routine. This information not verified. During trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas, COVELLI and RIZZO reportedly wine and dined [REDACTED] of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. [REDACTED] trial in Milwaukee involving charges against FRANK BALISTRIERI that he permitted B-girls to sit at tables with customers at one of his nightclubs, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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DETAILS:At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On April 1, 1963, MI T-1 was asked concerning the possible odor of urine that was noticed on the shirt and upper garments of ANTHONY BIERNAT, who was abducted and killed on January 7, 1963 at Kenosha, Wisconsin. MI T-1 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that this indicated to him that it was definitely an Italian gangland killing as local Italians in contempt will say to another person, "I'll live long enough to urinate on your grave."

He stated that this is a very common expression among hoodlums and would be an expression of contempt to do this after killing a man.

In regards to one [] possibly being involved in the killing, MI T-1 stated that [] is a rather elderly man and would not be trusted in such a killing. He stated that [] is also very hard of hearing and can hardly hear anyone without a hearing aid. He advised that [] very possibly does know CADILLAC AL ALBANA and the rest of JOHNNY RIZZO's "gang" in Kenosha as [] operated a [] in Racine for years and also lived at Kenosha for a period of time.

MI T-1 was asked concerning [] a Kenosha gambler who upon questioning by FBI Agents had denied knowing any Milwaukee gamblers, STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA, or BUSTER BALESTREERE. [] also denied knowing anything about the gambling operations of JOHNNY RIZZO and WILLIE COVELLI at Kenosha, Wisconsin and denied that he had ever been approached by the Milwaukee outfit for a cut on his game at Kenosha. MI T-1 stated that [] was definitely approached by the outfit last year for a cut on his game and that he does not know exactly who approached [] but he is quite certain that the individuals that did this were from the group composed of BUSTER BALESTREERE, STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA, WILLIE COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO. He also advised that he has seen [] playing cards with BUSTER BALESTREERE at Rizzo's gambling place in Kenosha and knows that [] plays gin rummy and poker from time to time with COVELLI, RIZZO and CADILLAC AL at [] gambling place and at RIZZO's.

MI T-1 on April 1, 1963, advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that he had heard nothing further regarding current activities or plans "to operate a gambling game" on the part of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

On April 8, 1963, MI T-1 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that gambling activities at Kenosha, Wisconsin customarily conducted by WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO have not been resumed. As of that date MI T-1 stated that to the best of his knowledge neither COVELLI nor RIZZO has been to Milwaukee to see FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI.

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On April 10, 1963, MI T-1 stated that he learned that [redacted] of Milwaukee, Wisconsin had also been at Hot Springs, Arkansas during the time that JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI had been there and that RIZZO and COVELLI wine and dined [redacted] and paid a great deal of attention to him.

MI T-1 advised he did not know the significance of the fact that COVELLI and RIZZO had paid so much attention to [redacted] but it could possibly be in view of the fact that [redacted] trial of FRANK BALISTRIERI on charge of allowing B-girls to sit at tables with customers at one of his nightclubs. Informant pointed out that if BALISTRIERI were found guilty of the charge, he would very probably lose his liquor license at the Downtowner in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

MI T-1 also related that he understood that [redacted] along with COVELLI and RIZZO, went to one of the hotels at Hot Springs, Arkansas and watched a crap game there. He did not know whether [redacted] participated in the game. Informant further advised that [redacted] a Milwaukee bookie, was also there together with a friend of JOE GURERA's from Kansas City.

MI T-1 advised that he had learned that JOHNNY RIZZO's and WILLIAM COVELLI's crap game in Kenosha, Wisconsin was still closed down.

On April 16, 1963 MI T-1 advised that JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI definitely have not reopened their crap game in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and have apparently been remaining inactive generally.

MI T-3 on April 22, 1963, advised SA [redacted] that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO and WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI met with FRANK BALISTRIERI at Fazio's on Fifth one night during the week of April 14, 1963. At that time COVELLI remarked that he had been on vacation to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

MI T-1, on April 23, 1963, advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that in regard to rumors that RIZZO and COVELLI had approached bookies in Kenosha and told them that they would furnish the line daily for 50 per cent of their winnings, informant said that this would be a ridiculous

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price and that none of the gamblers or bookies could afford to agree to it. He said that RIZZO and COVELLI would more likely charge a flat fee for this service as that is the way it is usually done. He said that they would probably be getting their line from Milwaukee bookies who in turn would obtain it from "the office," which is operated by the "outfit," in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

On April 29, 1963, MI T-1 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that he had heard nothing further relative to the efforts being made by WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN C. RIZZO to set up a central booking arrangement in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area.

At Racine, Wisconsin

On April 5, 1963, Detective [redacted] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, advised that spot checks of RIZZO's residence, Racine County, have indicated that since the "heat" in Kenosha, Wisconsin, caused by the ANTHONY J. BIERNAT abduction and slaying and the slaying by [redacted]

[redacted] RIZZO appears to have remained around his home. [redacted] advised RIZZO was observed working in his yard on April 3, 1963.

On April 10, 1963, Chief LEROY JENKINS, Racine Police Department, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] [redacted] had been approved for a bartenders' license by the Licensing Committee of Racine, Wisconsin on April 9, 1963. This approval was subject to the subsequent approval of the Racine Common Council.

On April 11, 1963, Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, confirmed the fact that [redacted] had been approved for a bartenders' license in Racine, Wisconsin. They further identified [redacted] as having been the "stick man" at the gambling spot operated by COVELLI and RIZZO at Kenosha, Wisconsin until recent times. They believe that since it appears that all gambling has been closed in Kenosha in view of the "heat" due to the TONY BIERNAT abduction and slaying, that [redacted] is now forced to obtain some type of legitimate employment to compensate for his loss of employment in the gambling place at Kenosha, Wisconsin previously operated by COVELLI and RIZZO.

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On April 15, 1963, Detective [redacted], Special Detail, Racine, Wisconsin Police Department advised that on April 13, 1963 [redacted] DeSoto automobile was observed in the driveway of JOHN RIZZO's residence in Racine County, Wisconsin practically all day and that one of RIZZO's two automobiles was gone during the same length of time. Detective [redacted] stated he believed that RIZZO and [redacted] were probably together for most of this period, pointing out that [redacted] at the gambling place formerly operated by WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO, is reported to be "extremely loyal" to RIZZO.

MI T-4 advised SA [redacted] on April 30, 1963 that as of approximately two to three years ago JOHN RIZZO used to visit the Elks Club at Racine, Wisconsin but that when his visits to the Club became known, and in order to avoid possible problems, RIZZO was asked to stay away from the Elks Club. RIZZO was subsequently heard to be spending most of his time in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area rather than in the Racine, Wisconsin area.

Detectives [redacted] and [redacted], Special Detail, Racine, Wisconsin Police Department, on May 2, 1963 advised that [redacted] at the gambling place operated by COVELLI and RIZZO at Kenosha, Wisconsin, had been seen early in the week of April 29, 1963 to be working as a [redacted] in the Marine Bar located at 11th Street and South Lafayette Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin. They also advised that [redacted] had been observed at this same bar working as a [redacted] on May 2, 1963.

Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] on April 30, 1963 advised that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, who resides in Racine County rather than in the city of Racine, had been observed in the downtown Racine area on two occasions within the last week to ten days. [redacted] and [redacted] stated that it had been a very long time since RIZZO has been seen in the downtown Racine area as frequently as that. Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] conjectured that public appearances on the part of RIZZO and the new employment of [redacted] is probably a part of the plan of the individuals associated or connected with the outfit to establish an "apparent legitimate front" for the time being at least.

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Spot checks made over a period of time of the residence of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO who resides outside of the City of Racine in Racine County, Wisconsin by detectives of the Special Detail, Racine Police Department, and by Bureau Agents, have failed to disclose the presence of any cars of individuals who are currently known to be members of or affiliated with the "outfit" in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

On April 19, 1963, MI T-2 advised SA [redacted] that in the last two weeks, certain of the gamblers in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area started opening up but only in the fields of horse betting and sports, such as baseball. In this regard, [redacted]

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[redacted] Informant said that

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this whole arrangement appears to be an effort on the part of RIZZO, and unquestionably COVELLI, to take over all horse and baseball betting operations in Kenosha, Wisconsin. MI T-2 stated that Kenosha, Wisconsin is still tight on the crap games and poker gambling, and that none of the better known spots such as Rizzo's and Dante's have reopened.



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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
May 6, 1963

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Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report of SA [redacted] b6
[redacted] dated and b7C
captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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Re: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

The following is a characterization of informants used
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5012)

FROM: ~~AB~~ SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) -P-

SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka.
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OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 5/3/63.

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On May 6, 1963, [] advised SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM that WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO had been going to the Sportsman Race Track, located outside Chicago, Illinois on frequent occasions. Informant advised that although they were going to the track, and he understood that both COVELLI and RIZZO were betting, they were not doing any booking.

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[] further stated that COVELLI and RIZZO have not reopened their gambling establishment at Kenosha, Wisconsin, and it was not known, nor has it been indicated, when they might again attempt to resume their activities.

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Chief LEROY JENKINS, Racine, Wisconsin Police Department, on May 6, 1963, advised that he was somewhat concerned regarding the fact that [] had applied for a bartender's license for the City of Racine, Wisconsin. Chief JENKINS pointed out that since there appeared to be only convictions of minor offenses against [] that their department probably would be unable to stop him from obtaining a bartender's license based upon his recent application. Chief JENKINS pointed out that []

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[] while operating the Odds and Ends Tavern at approximately 1210 State Street, Racine, Wisconsin, had been arrested in 1961 for gambling and for being involved with a prostitute. Chief JENKINS stated that the charges against [] had been dismissed inasmuch as it was not believed that the District Attorney's Office could obtain convictions against [] on the gambling and prostitution charges due to the fact that the background of the witnesses themselves were very questionable and it would be merely the word of one individual against another. Chief JENKINS stated that subsequently they had heard that [] had been associated with WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO for a period of time in Kenosha, Wisconsin at their gambling establishment located at 22nd Avenue and 56th Street.

Detective [] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, on May 6, 1963, advised that information their detail had heard was to the effect that [] had purchased a "piece" of JOHN RIZZO's game in the City of Kenosha, and that [] was in frequent contact with RIZZO and COVELLI. As far as could be ascertained, [] contacts with RIZZO and COVELLI continued until approximately January of 1962, at which time members of the Special Detail of the Racine, Wisconsin Police Department had heard that [] had lost his bankroll, from various sources estimated between \$20,000 and \$50,000, and had been put out of the game in Kenosha which was being operated by COVELLI and RIZZO.

Detective [] stated that a rough estimate of the length of time that [] might have been associated with RIZZO and COVELLI was about four or five months. This length of time had never been verified.

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On May 9, 1963, Detective [] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, stated that sometime after the arrest of [] in 1961, members of the Special Detail had heard through various sources in 1962, which information they had been unable to confirm, that while [] was previously associated with COVELLI and RIZZO, [] had laid off some of his bets with JOHN CHARLES RIZZO.

Detectives [] and [] on May 9, 1963, advised they had observed [] who was [] for COVELLI and RIZZO, at their gambling establishment in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and that [] had been seen practically every day during the week as a [] at the Marine Bar, located on South Lafayette Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin. Spot checks made of the residence of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, who resides outside of the City of Racine in Racine County, Wisconsin, by Detectives of the Special Detail, Racine Police Department, and by Bureau Agents, have shown that RIZZO spends considerable time around the house since the ceasing of his gambling operations at Kenosha, Wisconsin. These spot checks have failed to disclose the presence of any cars of individuals who are currently known to be members of or affiliated with the "outfit" in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. According to Detectives of the Special Detail, Racine, Wisconsin, JOHN CHARLES RIZZO and [] appear to be endeavoring to create an air or atmosphere of legitimacy.

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SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka.
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Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 5-10-63.

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On 5-14-63 [] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that he did not know [] nor any of [] previous activities with JOHN CHARLES RIZZO. b6 b7C b7D

Informant stated that [] had been a [] and [] at COVELLI's and RIZZO's gambling joint at Kenosha, Wisconsin for a number of years. He stated that until a short time ago, [] was operating a book, which he believes he was operating for JOHN RIZZO and was getting \$100 a week for that book, and \$20 each night he worked the crap game at COVELLI's and RIZZO's place in Kenosha. A b6 b7C

Informant advised that RIZZO and COVELLI are not now operating their game in Kenosha, but both are believed to have a book going in Kenosha and the Racine area. Informant further stated that on 5-4-63 COVELLI and RIZZO and two individuals

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unknown to the informant, were at the horse races at Sportsman's Track near Chicago, Illinois, and informant stated that RIZZO is said to have a box at the track.

During the late morning of 5-15-63 it was observed by Bureau Agent that JOHN RIZZO was picked up at his house at 1906 Emmertson, Racine County, by two unidentified men in an automobile. The automobile proceeded to interstate highway 41 and turned South heading for Chicago, Illinois. The car was registered to a SYLVESTER JARAGOSKI, Racine, Wisconsin.

JARAGOSKI is not known to the Special Detail of the Racine, Wisconsin PD as being a gambler and previous contacts with RIZZO by JARAGOSKI are unknown at the present time.

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Captain [REDACTED], Kenosha, Wisconsin PD, who, according to informant and other sources has in the past been described as possibly having taken payoffs from Kenosha gamblers, advised on 5-15-63 that JOHN RIZZO, in his opinion, is the only one who might be considered as being in with the Milwaukee "outfit".

[REDACTED] described WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI as a "fine fellow". [REDACTED] did say RIZZO, in the past, had been associated with WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI in the gambling game that used to run on 56th Street in Kenosha, Wisconsin. [REDACTED] did not say when RIZZO and COVELLI ceased their operations.

Detective [REDACTED] on 5-16-63 advised that he and his partner, Detective [REDACTED] both Special Detail, Racine PD, had observed [REDACTED] practically every day during the week as a [REDACTED] at the Marine Bar located on South Lafayette Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin.

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[redacted] who has been described by various sources, including informants, as the [redacted] at WILLIAM WEISER" COVELLI's and JOHN RIZZO's game, which has operated in Kenosha, Wis. for some time, was interviewed at Racine, Wisconsin on 5/17/63 by Bureau agents. [redacted] admitted knowing both COVELLI and RIZZO and stated he was only the [redacted] at COVELLI's and RIZZO's place. [redacted] admitted there might have been some small, friendly gambling and stated further that he knew nothing concerning the abduction and murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT, which occurred 1/7/63. [redacted] furnished little or no information of genuine value.

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[redacted] on 5/20/63 advised that RIZZO and COVELLI had definitely not re-opened their large gambling at Kenosha, Wis.

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[redacted] (protect), [redacted] and who is acquainted with numerous gamblers and hoodlums, advised SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] on 5/22/63 that there is no organized gambling at the present time at Kenosha, but only small games and that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO are definitely not now running or backing any game. RIZZO, who resides in Racine County, has been conspicuous by his absence from the Kenosha, Wis. area in recent days and the fact that there is no organized gambling is due to the "heat" which has followed the abduction and murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT, which occurred on

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On 5/23/63, Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] advised that [redacted] is still [redacted] at the Marine Bar, located on South Lafayette Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin. On occasion of recent contact with [redacted] who is known personally to both detectives [redacted] AND [redacted] mentioned that he looked upon his job as [redacted] at Marine Bar as being temporary and that he would probably make a change around July 1, 1963.

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Spot checks made of the residence of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, Racine County, by detectives of the Special Detail, Racine P.D. and Bureau agents have failed to disclose the present of any cars or individuals who are currently known to be members or associates with "The Outfit" in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 5/23/63 Milwaukee Division advised that JOHN RIZZO is currently attending races at Arlington Race Track, Arlington Heights, Illinois and was formerly known to have a big crap game in Kenosha. RIZZO has never been known to be in Lake County nor to have ever been arrested in Illinois.

On 5/17/63 [redacted] of My Brother's Auto Mart, 500 South Genesee, Waukegan, Illinois, advised Chicago Agents that he knew of no connection in gambling between Waukegan and Kenosha. He stated that he knew of no large bookie operations in Kenosha nor of any layoff spot. He also advised that as far as the Italian bookies which did or do exist, the feeling among his friends was that, if one won substantially from them, they would never pay off.

On 5/28/63 [redacted] advised that she knew that Subject in association with WEISER COVELLI had had a large crap game going on for some time at Greco's Restaurant on 56th Street in Kenosha.

Spot checks conducted of JOHN RIZZO's residence, Racine County, Racine, Wisconsin by Bureau Agents have disclosed that RIZZO spends considerable time around his home since his gambling operations have ceased in Kenosha, Wisconsin. These spot checks have failed to disclose the presence of any

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5012)
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SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
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WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 6/8/63 [redacted] PCI, advised SA [redacted] that RIZZO and COVELLI have not resumed their gambling operation in Kenosha. She also advised that RIZZO has not been seen in Kenosha since the latter part of January, 1963.

There is no other pertinent information to report on this investigation for the period 6/3/63 through 6/10/63 as the agent assigned this case was working exclusively on fisur of STEVE DE SALVO, MI file 92-165, at Milwaukee and Cudahy, Wisconsin.

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FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) - P -

SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
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Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 6/10/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

on 6/12/63 advised SAs [redacted] PCI (Protect), Kenosha, Wisconsin, and [redacted] that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO have not reopened their "big game" at Kenosha, and there is no indication that it will be opened in the near future in view of the heat caused by the abduction and murder of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT on January 7, 1963 and the recent alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI 6/6/63 at Kenosha.

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Since the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI on 6/6/63, which has been brought to the attention of the Bureau in detail in the case entitled "WILLIAM COVELLI, aka IGA" Milwaukee file 162-49, a number of efforts have been made to contact and interview JOHN RIZZO who resides in Racine County with negative results.

Following the efforts made by Bureau Agents.

[redacted] called the Milwaukee Office on 6/14/63 and stated that he would make JOHN RIZZO available for interview by Bureau Agents sometime during the week of 6/17/63.

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Subject: JOHN CHARLES ^DRIZZO, aka.
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[redacted] Mid-Town Hotel, Racine, Wisconsin, a known associate of WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, and reportedly a [redacted] at the former Kenosha gambling game of RIZZO and COVELLI, was interviewed 6/17/63 in connection with the alleged abduction of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI, which occurred on 6/6/63. [redacted] stated that he last saw COVELLI sometime in April, 1963 and disclaimed any knowledge of circumstances or details regarding COVELLI's alleged abduction other than what he has read and seen in the newspapers. [redacted] stated that he does not know the identities of people who might have participated in COVELLI's abduction nor does he know anyone who might have desired to abduct COVELLI.

[redacted] stated that since approximately April 24, 1963 he has been employed as a [redacted] at the Marine Bar, 1144 South Lafayette Street, Racine, Wisconsin. [redacted] denied knowing of any gambling game in Kenosha, Wisconsin which had operated regularly and he denied knowledge of any gambling game at Greco's building, Kenosha, Wisconsin, but did state that card games had been played there and they were games of hearts and

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gin rummy. After some conversation [] admitted there might have been a small "friendly" game of craps on different occasions and at brief intervals.

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JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, residence Racine County, Wisconsin, was interviewed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 6/19/63, at which time he advised that he had been told by his attorney, DOMINIC FRINZI, that he could answer any question concerning the circumstances pertaining to WILLIAM COVELLI's abduction, which reportedly occurred on 6/6/63, but that was the extent of questions he would be permitted to answer. RIZZO claimed he had no information directly pertaining to COVELLI's abduction and the only information which he did possess was that which he had read in the various newspapers of the account of the abduction. RIZZO stated that he has no idea who would want to abduct or try to abduct WILLIAM COVELLI.

RIZZO declined to answer questions put to him that touched on his business relationship with WILLIAM COVELLI, whether there had been gambling games at Greco's in Kenosha, Wisconsin in which COVELLI and RIZZO had an interest or whether COVELLI and RIZZO ever had any interest in any game which might have operated.

RIZZO stated that he and his wife, JOSEPHINE RIZZO, visited the WILLIAM COVELLI's on Sunday, 6/16/63, RIZZO noting that they have been friends for some time.

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Date: 7/1/63

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To: Director, FBI (92-5012)

From: *JS/HK* SAC, Milwaukee (92-164) P

Subject: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
AR

OO: Milwaukee
Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau 6/24/63.

THE WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

[redacted] (protect), Kenosha, Wisconsin, on 6/24/63, advised that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO has not been seen in the Kenosha area recently at public places; and, although PCI has heard of various "games" that have been played in Kenosha, PCI is of the belief that these are not in any way officially sanctioned games and that they are just games among the regular group of gamblers who participate because they are close friends and associates. PCI advised that she has not heard that RIZZO is booking in either the Kenosha or Racine area but has heard that he has been spending time at the race tracks in the Chicago, Illinois, area and that he was reportedly at the Arlington track on or about Thursday, June 20, 1963. PCI further heard that RIZZO was supposedly placing large bets but had not heard anything to indicate actual booking on the part of RIZZO or WILLIAM COVELLI.

[redacted] on 6/27/63 advised SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM that he believed that JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI might possibly be operating a book at Kenosha and that RIZZO might have someone operating in Racine area as well. [redacted] stated that he had no specific or more detailed information along this line at the present time.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5012)
 FROM *WJ*: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164)-P
 SUBJECT : JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
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Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 7/1/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Detective [redacted] Special Detail, Racine, PD, on 7/1/63, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] reportedly [redacted] at the gambling game previously operated by WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO at Kenosha, Wisconsin, is now out of work as a [redacted] at the Marine Bar, 1144 South Lafayette Street, Racine, Wisconsin, due to the fact that the Marine Bar is in the process of being taken over by a new owner.

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[redacted] PCI, advised SA [redacted] on 7/3/63 that he has heard nothing new regarding the plan of COVELLI and RIZZO concerning extending gambling coverage in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area. It was originally reported that there was to be a central source of gambling information to be handled by COVELLI and RIZZO.

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[redacted] PCI (Protect) on 7/5/63 at Kenosha, Wisconsin, advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] has not seen nor heard of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO being around Kenosha in recent times. PCI stated that RIZZO might have made a brief visit to the Kenosha area but has not been seen on the "west side" where most of the gamblers frequent.

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[redacted] PCI further [redacted] does not believe that COVELLI

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and RIZZO are operating a new "approved" gambling game although the Italian element on the west side of Kenosha are still having gambling games of a "friendly nature".

Spot checks of JOHN RIZZO's residence in Racine County, Wisconsin by members of the Special Detail, Racine PD and by Bureau Agents have disclosed that RIZZO spends considerable time around his home since his gambling operations were reportedly closed in Kenosha, Wisconsin. These spot checks have failed to disclose the presence of any cars or individuals who are currently known to be members of associates of "the outfit" in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE Milwaukee	OFFICE OF ORIGIN Milwaukee	DATE 7/6/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/6/63 - 7/1/63
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY bs
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

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Report SA 5/6/63, at Milwaukee;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 5/10/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 5/17/63;
 Chicago letter to Milwaukee, 5/23/63 (Inter Office);
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 6/3/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 6/10/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 6/17/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 7/1/63.

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ENCLOSURES

To Bureau: Original and one copy of letterhead memorandum reflecting characterizations of informants utilized in this report.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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LEADS

THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION:

At Kenosha, Wisconsin:

1. Will maintain contact with [] PCI, who has knowledge of gamblers and gambling activities in that area. b6
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2. Will also maintain contact with [] if available, inasmuch as informant [] b7D
3. Will maintain contact with [] PCI, of Kenosha, Wisconsin. b6
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At Racine, Wisconsin:

1. Will maintain contact with Special Detail, Racine PD, for information that they might have developed regarding any of RIZZO's contacts and activities in that area.
2. Will determine results of [] petition for bartender's license to be used in the city of Racine. b6
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3. Will attempt to ascertain his current activities re gambling and his possible associates.
4. Will attempt to ascertain further the current activities of SYLVESTER JARAGOSKI and []. b6
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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Will maintain contact with [] as well as other informants and logical sources for the purpose of developing additional information regarding RIZZO's current activities, his associates and the extent of gambling in which he might be participating. b7D

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Some of the information set out in this report regarding [] alleged [] of JOHN RIZZO, was originally obtained in connection with another investigation but is being included for the purpose of reflecting [] general background in view of his long contact and association with both JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI. Information regarding the alleged abduction of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI has been reported in COVELLI's file, and the Bureau has been apprised of all developments in the case entitled "WILLIAM COVELLI, aka, IGA," Mifile 162-49, BUfile 162-777.

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Reference to ANTHONY BIERNAT relates to an investigation being conducted by the Milwaukee Office and wherein BIERNAT, who was a local jukebox operator of only moderate means in Kenosha, Wisconsin, was abducted at approximately 10:15 PM on January 7, 1963, at Kenosha, by three or four unidentified assailants. Investigation in the BIERNAT matter is being carried under the caption "JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka, AR, Mifile 92-257, and BUfile 92-4690."

The interview with [] on 5/17/63 was conducted in connection with the ANTHONY BIERNAT abduction and killing. The interview of [] on 6/17/63 was in connection with the alleged abduction of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI, which reportedly occurred on 6/6/63 at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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The entire interview of [] is being included as virtually all individuals mentioned in that interview have at some time or another been said to be acquainted or known to JOHN RIZZO. [] was interviewed in the case entitled "JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka, AR."

INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [] contacted on different occasions by SAs ALBERT B. KNICKREHM and JOHN H. GASSAWAY;

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MI T-2 is [] PCI, contacted by SAs [] and []

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Copy to: 1 USA Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: July 6, 1963

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File #: MI 92-164

Bureau File #: 91-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: [REDACTED] Racine, Wisconsin, reportedly [REDACTED] at WILLIAM COVELLI's and JOHN RIZZO's gambling spot in Kenosha, Wisc., was interviewed regarding the abduction and slaying of ANTHONY BERNAT, which occurred 1/7/63 at Kenosha, and [REDACTED] was subsequently interviewed regarding the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI, which reportedly occurred on 6/6/63 at Kenosha, Wisc. Interview with [REDACTED] negative. JOHN RIZZO interviewed at Milwaukee, Wisc., on 6/19/63 by Bureau Agents at which time, upon advice of counsel, he declined to answer questions put to him that touched on his business relationship with WILLIAM COVELLI, whether there had been any gambling games at Greco's at Kenosha, Wisc., in which he or COVELLI had an interest, or whether either individual ever had an interest in any gambling game. RIZZO disclaimed any personal knowledge regarding the alleged abduction of WILLIAM COVELLI which reportedly occurred on 6/6/63.

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DETAILS:At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

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On May 6, 1963, MI T-1 advised that WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO had been going to the Sportsman Race Track, located outside Chicago, Illinois, on frequent occasions. Informant advised that although they were going to the track, and he understood that both COVELLI and RIZZO were betting, they were not doing any booking.

MI T-1 further stated that COVELLI and RIZZO have not reopened their gambling establishment at Kenosha, Wisconsin, and it was not known, nor has it been indicated, when they might again attempt to resume their activities.

On May 14, 1963, MI T-1 advised that he did not know [redacted] alleged gambler, nor any of [redacted] previous activities with JOHN CHARLES RIZZO.

MI T-1 stated that [redacted] had been a [redacted] and [redacted] at COVELLI's and RIZZO's gambling joint at Kenosha, Wisconsin, for a number of years. He stated that until a short time ago, [redacted] was operating a book, which he believes he was operating for JOHN RIZZO and was getting \$100 a week for that book and \$25 each night he worked the crap game at COVELLI's and RIZZO's place in Kenosha when the game had been in operation.

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Informant advised that RIZZO and COVELLI are not now operating their game in Kenosha, but both are believed to have a book going in Kenosha and the Racine area. Informant further stated that on May 4, 1963, COVELLI and RIZZO and two individuals unknown to the informant were at the horse races at Sportsman's Track near Chicago, Illinois, and informant stated that RIZZO is said to have a box at the track.

MI T-1 on May 20, 1963, advised that RIZZO and COVELLI had definitely not reopened their large gambling at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

MI T-1 on June 27, 1963, advised that he believed that JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI might possibly be operating a book at Kenosha and that RIZZO might have someone operating in Racine area as well. MI T-1 stated that he had no specific or more detailed information along this line at the present time.

Date July 1, 1963

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO stated at the very beginning of the interview that he was free to talk about the alleged abduction of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI, which occurred on June 6, 1963, but that upon advice of counsel RIZZO stated that he could not discuss anything or any subject in addition to COVELLI's abduction. RIZZO advised that he had just seen his attorney, DOMINIC FRINZI, and been so instructed.

RIZZO stated that he last saw WILLIAM COVELLI on Sunday, June 16, 1963, when RIZZO and his wife, JOSEPHINE, went to visit the COVELLIs at Kenosha, Wisconsin. RIZZO stated that he first heard of WILLIAM COVELLI's abduction when he read the article concerning COVELLI's abduction in the morning newspaper on Monday, June 9, 1963. RIZZO stated that he has known COVELLI approximately twelve to fifteen years.

RIZZO was asked as to his own whereabouts during the evening of Thursday, June 6, 1963, and RIZZO said that he was at home with his wife, JOSEPHINE, at that time. RIZZO related that he had absolutely no idea as to who abducted WILLIAM COVELLI, or why the abduction was perpetrated or who might have even had a desire to "do such a thing." RIZZO stated that he and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM COVELLI took a vacation early in the year, returning from that vacation sometime in early April, 1963, and that since that time RIZZO has seen WILLIAM COVELLI only on several occasions. RIZZO related that he has not been going to Kenosha of late but has been spending most of his time at one of the race tracks in the Chicago, Illinois, area. RIZZO stated that he sees WILLIAM COVELLI mostly in the wintertime when they play cards, pinochle and gin rummy. RIZZO advised that he has not played cards at the Elks Club in Racine, Wisconsin, for a number of years.

RIZZO was asked whether he has any business interests with WILLIAM COVELLI, and RIZZO stated that he has no interest in vending machines. He advised that to his knowledge WILLIAM COVELLI is in the vending machine business with [redacted]

[redacted] RIZZO denied knowing of any other business that

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by SAs [redacted], & [redacted] Date dictated 6/25/63
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COVELLI might be interested in or in which he might be engaged. RIZZO was asked whether or not he had ever been associated with WILLIAM COVELLI in any type of business and RIZZO declined to answer and claimed that in his opinion such background information was not pertinent to the investigation concerning COVELLI's alleged abduction. RIZZO also declined to answer as to whether or not he had ever any interests with WILLIAM COVELLI in any form of gambling activities, and he declined to answer whether or not he had any interests in any current gambling activities. RIZZO was also asked as to whether or not he had ever participated in running any type of a gambling game, and he stated he declined to answer on the basis of prior instructions received from his attorney.

RIZZO was asked concerning the identities of various individuals who are believed to be associated with WILLIAM COVELLI or relations of COVELLI, and RIZZO identified [redacted] as [redacted] whom he has known for approximately 12 to 15 years. RIZZO stated that he believed that at one time [redacted] and WILLIAM COVELLI had been in the vending machine business together but had mutually decided to sell their interests. With respect to AL ALBANA, RIZZO described him as an individual whom he has seen hanging around Greco's Restaurant in Kenosha and whom he has known for about four or five years. RIZZO was asked whether or not AL ALBANA had ever worked for him, and RIZZO replied, "You're getting off the track." RIZZO was shown a photograph of STEVE DE SALVO, and RIZZO advised that he knows who DE SALVO is when he sees him but is not well acquainted with him. RIZZO further stated that he does not recall ever having seen DE SALVO in Kenosha, Wisconsin. RIZZO described [redacted] as an individual he has known for approximately thirty years and as an individual whom he used to see at Kenosha, Wisconsin, occasionally every week, but RIZZO declined to mention the circumstances under which he had seen [redacted]. RIZZO said that he never had observed [redacted] gambling, did not know that [redacted] ever gambled and described [redacted] as an individual who was constantly down on his luck and to whom RIZZO would occasionally give his "handout." RIZZO denied that [redacted] had ever been employed by him for any reason.

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RIZZO stated that he has known FRANK BALISTRIERI of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for perhaps twenty to twenty-five years and does not know exactly how he became acquainted with

FRANK BALISTRIERI except that he originally met him in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. RIZZO denied knowing any of the details concerning BALISTRIERI's background or his interests in various business undertakings. When shown a photograph of JOSEPH GURERA, RIZZO at first did not say whether he knew GURERA but commented, "He looks like a Mexican." When asked whether or not he knew GURERA or had ever met him, RIZZO stated that he could not recall. RIZZO was asked whether or not he had ever been arrested for any reason, and he declined to comment. Various questions were asked of RIZZO, most of which he declined to answer and would repeatedly reply by saying, "You're off the track" or "Who do you like in the third race?" RIZZO claimed that he was unable to recall when or how frequently he visited Milwaukee, and he stated he could not recall whether or not he was in Milwaukee near the end of 1962 or in early 1963.

The following description was obtained of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO by observation and interview:

Name	JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
Date of Birth	November 16, 1910
Place of Birth	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'11"
Weight	205 lbs.
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Build	Medium--heavy
Complexion	Dark--tan
Peculiarities	Limps on left leg which has been shortened due to broken bone when RIZZO was in early 20's.
Wife	JOSEPHINE RIZZO
Address	1906 Emmertsen Road, Racine County

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin:

MI T-2 advised on May 22, 1963, that there is no organized gambling at the present time at Kenosha, but only small games and that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO are definitely not now running or backing any game. RIZZO, who resides in Racine County, has been conspicuous by his absence from the Kenosha, Wisconsin, area in recent days and the fact that there is no organized gambling is due to the "heat" which has followed the abduction and murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT, which occurred on January 7, 1963.

On June 8, 1963, MI T-2 advised that RIZZO and COVELLI have not resumed their gambling operation in Kenosha. Informant also advised that RIZZO has not been seen in Kenosha since the latter part of January, 1963.

MI T-2 on June 12, 1963, advised that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO have not reopened their "big game" in Kenosha, and there is no indication that it will be opened in the near future.

MI T-2 on June 24, 1963, advised that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO has not been seen in the Kenosha area recently at public places; and, although informant has heard of various "games" that have been played in Kenosha, informant is of the belief that these are not in any way officially sanctioned games and that they are just games among the regular group of gamblers who participate because they are close friends and associates. Informant advised that it has not been heard by informant that RIZZO is booking in either the Kenosha or Racine area, but informant has heard that he has been spending time at the race tracks in the Chicago, Illinois, area and that he was reportedly at the Arlington track on or about Thursday, June 20, 1963. Informant further heard that RIZZO was supposedly placing large bets but had not heard anything to indicate actual booking on the part of RIZZO or WILLIAM COVELLI.

Date May 16, 1963

[redacted] was interviewed on May 15, 1963 by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]. At the outset of the interview [redacted] said that he was very glad to have agents interview him, as he had been told that inquiries had been made concerning himself and [redacted]. [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] was asked if he had ever taken any form of a payoff from any one at any time. [redacted] stated that he definitely had not and that he had recently withdrawn \$500 from the bank in order to purchase a new car. [redacted] stated that this was all of the money that he had in the bank. He stated that he would be making the final payment on his home in Kenosha within the next three months, after having carried a mortgage for many years. He stated that he has not lived beyond his means at any time in his life as he would have if he had been paid off. [redacted] attributes the allegations about him taking pay offs to [redacted].

[redacted] recently went to Kenosha Mayor HAMMOND at which time [redacted] told the Mayor that he [redacted] was taking payoffs from gamblers in Kenosha and that he was the "bag man" for [redacted]. [redacted] also stated that [redacted] told [redacted] or [redacted] allegations and [redacted] in turn told [redacted] said he had looked for [redacted] for the next few days and if he had found him he would have killed him. [redacted] then cooled off and thought about it and realized he should not let [redacted] remarks bother him and he tried to forget the incident. [redacted] stated that he had been an honest police officer for 27 years as evidenced by the fact that he has risen to the rank of Captain and the allegations about him taking payoffs hurt him because he has 3 daughters and a son who is currently in the Marine Corps. [redacted] further stated that he has never been offered payoffs since he has been a police officer in Kenosha.

Concerning his association with hoodlums and gamblers in Kenosha, [redacted] stated that he grew up on the west side and played ball with many of those individuals now considered gamblers and hoodlums and he does not see any reason why he should break off their friendship because they are gamblers or considered

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by SAs [redacted] & [redacted] Date dictated 5/16/63
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hoodlums. [] stated that this, in fact, was of benefit to the Kenosha Police as he was able to talk to these people and they had confidence in him.

RE: JOE GURERA &
STEVE DE SALVO

[] stated that he had been introduced to JOE GURERA by STEVE DE SALVO in early November of 1962. [] could not recall the exact date that he met GURERA and DE SALVO, however, the meeting took place at Greco's Restaurant in Kenosha. [] stated he is well acquainted with DE SALVO's brother and he had known STEVE DE SALVO previously. DE SALVO asked [] "How are things?" and then stated, "I want you to meet a friend of mine, JOE." JOE said "Hello" and that terminated the meeting. [] further stated that it was on his day off when he met GURERA and DE SALVO and he was requested by interviewing agents to attempt to ascertain the exact date of the meeting by determining which day he had off. [] stated that he had heard that BIERNAT was contacted some time in November by JOE GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO, however, contrary to previous reports, he believes that WEISER COVELLI had seen BIERNAT a few hours earlier and GURERA and DE SALVO went to see him a few hours later that same day, at which time COVELLI was not with them. [] could furnish no further information concerning STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA.

RE: ANTHONY BIERNAT

[] stated that he knew ANTHONY BIERNAT and he had no idea as to who would have wanted to kill him. He stated that BIERNAT played the horses but that he did not book. [] further stated that TONY BIERNAT and his wife were not getting along and that she was going out at night on frequent occasions. When she went out BIERNAT would have a young boy named, (FNU) [] come to the BIERNAT home and stay with him because BIERNAT was very nervous about staying alone. [] advised that he would attempt to ascertain the exact identity of []

RE: []

[] stated that he knew [] and [] was a mental case. He stated that although [] is yellow, he he definitely mental and could have taken part in the BIERNAT

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slaying. According to [redacted] is running a [redacted] and he is not at all closely associated with [redacted].

RE: WEISER COVELLI

[redacted] stated that WEISER COVELLI is "a pretty solid kid", who definitely had nothing to do with the BIERNAT abduction and murder. [redacted] feels that WEISER COVELLI is following somewhat in his father's footsteps, although he did not think he was going to. [redacted] talked to WEISER COVELLI after the BIERNAT slaying and COVELLI swore on his father's grave that he knew nothing about the abduction and slaying. [redacted] stated that COVELLI is afraid to talk to the FBI because of possible repercussions from the hoodlum element. [redacted] stated that he himself told COVELLI that he should talk to authorities because the more you avoid them the more it looks like you have had part. COVELLI recently asked [redacted] "Why is the FBI watching my home." [redacted] stated he was unable to tell COVELLI anything. He said COVELLI is currently not in any tax difficulties and is running the Kenosha Vending Company on 22nd Avenue. [redacted] stated that he would personally attempt to get WEISER COVELLI to talk to FBI agents. [redacted] stated he could probably get COVELLI to talk to agents if it were on a very confidential basis.

RE: JOHN RIZZO

[redacted] stated that he could not point his finger at any individual in the Kenosha area as being controlled by the syndicate except JOHN RIZZO. [redacted] stated he first met RIZZO at the track down in Illinois some time ago and he last saw him a few weeks ago at Arlington in Illinois. [redacted] could give no reason for his belief that RIZZO was controlled by the syndicate, however, it was an impression he had gotten. [redacted] stated that RIZZO and COVELLI are together quite often, however, he does not think that they are partners in any venture at present.

RE: ALBERT ALBANA

[redacted] stated that AL ALBANA had visions of grandeur about himself, however, he is just a moocher and very disliked by many individuals in Kenosha. He stated that AL ALBANA is frequently complaining about backaches and various illnesses.

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He stated that ALBANA once ran a mink ranch in Kenosha, then he went out the the West Coast during the war where he worked on liberty ships, after which he returned to Kenosha. [] believes that ALBANA's wife supported him most of the time and he has worked very intermittently. ALBANA at one time did work as a door man at a crap game on 56th Street in Kenosha next to Greco's Restaurant. This game, which is no longer operating, was run by WEISER COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO and to his knowledge ALBANA has never operated a game of his own. [] stated that he could not believe that ALBANA would be a suspect in the ANTHONY BERNAT abduction and murder.

RE: FRANK BALISTRERI

[] stated that he had met FRANK BALISTRERI only once and that was about a year ago at Arlington Park Race Track in Illinois. He knows nothing of his activities and he has not seen BALISTRERI since the initial meeting.

RE: []

[] stated that he knew [] real well and advised that [] was once a safe man. [] is now a [] and he got married three months ago. [] does not feel that [] had a part in the BERNAT slaying and he does not believe that [] is currently involved in illegal activities.

RE: [] &

[] stated that [] and [] are partners but only [] is booking horses. [] is apparently running card games while [] does the booking and [] does not know where [] is getting his line. [] stated that he has tried to "knock off" [] on prior occasions, but that he has been unable to obtain enough evidence. [] stated he is a good friend of [] and he visits him very often even though [] is a known gambler.

[] said that [] is doing real well at his new location at 63rd and 14th Street and recently he took in \$70 in one day. [] believes that [] would be receptive to an FBI contact and would most likely furnish any information he has.

RE: DOMINIC PRINCIPE

According to [] DOMINIC PRINCIPE was "a rough kid", but he has settled down and is currently trying to make an honest living. [] stated that PRINCIPE is a good plumber but because of illness has had to take it easy and, therefore, is in the restaurant business with his sister in Illinois. [] himself is a []

[] said he would find it hard to believe that PRINCIPE could be involved in the BIERNAT abduction and murder in any way. [] could furnish no information concerning the car previously owned by [] and possibly driven at times by PRINCIPE, and when appraised of the story furnished by PRINCIPE and [] concerning the disposition of the car, [] stated, "It does sound kind of funny." [] said that right after the BIERNAT body was found [] told him to get hold of PRINCIPE so he could talk to him. [] was unsuccessful and [] and [] went to Illinois to see PRINCIPE at which time they saw FBI agents there. [] did not know why [] wanted to see PRINCIPE at that time. [] himself last saw PRINCIPE about 2 weeks ago at Carl's Delicatessen at 63rd and 14th Street, Kenosha, which is [] At that time only casual conversation took place.

RE: []

[] stated that [] also worked for JOHN RIZZO and WEISER COVELLI when they ran a gambling joint on 56th Street in Kenosha and he worked in the same capacity as ALBERT ALBANA, that is as door man and look out. [] stated that [] was a very good friend of JOHN RIZZO, however, he did not know of his relationship with WEISER COVELLI.

At the close of the interview, [] stated that [] was "pretty shook" by the developments in Kenosha. He stated that he did not know what [] was doing at present nor what he intended to do. [] himself is not worried about any allegations made concerning him, however, they are disturbing. He stated that he would like to see the BIERNAT slaying solved for the good of the Kenosha PD and he is ready to help in any way he can. He intends to remain on the Kenosha PD and would only consider retiring if a proposed business deal works out. [] stated that this involves the construction of a Pitch and Putt Golf course in the Kenosha area.

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At Racine, Wisconsin:

Chief LEROY JENKINS, Racine, Wisconsin, Police Department, on May 6, 1963, advised that he was somewhat concerned regarding the fact that [] had applied for a bartender's license for the city of Racine, Wisconsin. Chief JENKINS pointed out that since there appeared to be only convictions of minor offenses against [] that their department probably would be unable to stop him from obtaining a bartender's license based upon his recent application. Chief JENKINS pointed out that [] while []

[] Chief JENKINS stated that the charges against [] had been dismissed inasmuch as it was not believed that the District Attorney's Office could obtain convictions against [] on the gambling and prostitution charges due to the fact that the background of the witnesses themselves were very questionable and it would be merely the word of one individual against another. Chief JENKINS stated that subsequently they had heard that [] had been associated with WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO for a period of time in Kenosha, Wisconsin, at their gambling establishment located at 22nd Avenue and 56th Street.

Detective [] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, on May 6, 1963, advised that information their detail had received was to the effect that [] had purchased a "piece" of JOHN RIZZO's game in the city of Kenosha at one time and that [] was then in frequent contact with RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI. As far as could be ascertained, [] contacts with RIZZO and COVELLI continued until approximately January of 1962, at which time it was reported that [] had lost his bankroll, according to various sources estimated between \$20,000 and \$50,000 and had been put out of the game in Kenosha which was being operated by COVELLI and RIZZO.

Detective [] further stated that a rough estimate of the length of time that [] might have associated with RIZZO and COVELLI was about four or five months. It has never been possible to verify this length of time.

On May 9, 1963, Detective [] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, stated that sometime after the arrest of [] in 1961, members of the Special Detail had heard

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through various sources in early 1962, which information they had been unable to confirm, that during the time [] was previously associated with COVELLI and RIZZO, [] had laid off some of his bets with JOHN CHARLES RIZZO.

Detectives [] and [] on May 16, 1963, advised they had observed [] who was [] for COVELLI and RIZZO at their gambling establishment in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and that [] had been seen practically every day during the week as a [] at the Marine Bar, located on South Lafayette Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin.

[] Bureau of Identification, Racine Police Department, on May 13, 1963, furnished the following arrest record on [] as well as [] description:

Racine Police Department []

Name

Race

Sex

Address

Date of Birth

Height

Weight

Eyes

Hair

Complexion



[redacted] Racine Credit Bureau, advised that [redacted] [redacted] had last been brought to their attention in May, 1962. [redacted] has been known to their files since approximately 1955. As of April, 1960, [redacted] reportedly had a four-figure checking account with the Farmers and Merchants Bank, Racine, Wisconsin, and had a mortgage in the sum of \$4029, which he paid as agreed. As of May, 1957, [redacted] obtained a loan from the Thorp Finance Company, owing an amount of \$283.08, which he paid as agreed.

[redacted] stated that there was a mention of an arrest for [redacted] as of March, 1961, details of which were not completely available.

"The Racine Journal Times" dated June 16, 1960, according to [redacted] carried an article which stated that DAVID SHEFT, 2413 Erie Street, had been charged with allowing two minor females to be in his tavern. The girls pleaded guilty to lingering and loitering and were fined \$15 each.

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Date May 27, 1963

At approximately 11:43 AM, JOHN C. RIZZO was observed to leave his residence at 1906 Emmertsen Road, at which time he was picked up by two unidentified men in an automobile having a white top over tan lower, Chrysler, and bearing Wisconsin license W23-232. JOHN RIZZO sat next to the driver, and one of the other men sat in the rear seat. The automobile proceeded from RIZZO's residence south on Emmertsen Road, west on Highway 20 and south on Interstate Highway 41 through Racine County into Kenosha County in a general direction to Chicago, Illinois. 1963 Wisconsin license W23-232 was listed to SYLVESTER JARAGOSKI, 262 Luedtke, Racine, Wisconsin.

On 5/15/63 at Racine County, Wisconsin File # MI 92-164
by SA /bs Date dictated 5/21/63

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On May 15, 1963, Detectives [] and []
[] Special Detail, Racine, Wisconsin, Police Department,
advised that as of that time SYLVESTER JARAGOSKI was not known
to them with respect to being involved or associated with
any gambling activities or other known gamblers.

Officer [] Bureau of Identification, Racine Police
Department, on May 15, 1963, advised that their files showed
SYLVESTER JARAGOSKI as residing at 262 Luedtke Avenue, and
that he is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	November 6, 1910 (no place indicated)
Height	5'8"
Weight	195 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown

JARAGOSKI was said to have been arrested December 2, 1953, on
the charge of operating an unregistered vehicle, disposition
shown--was released.

[] Racine Credit Bureau, on May 15, 1963,
stated that their files showed that SYLVESTER JARAGOSKI,
262 Luedtke Avenue, according to last inquiry made of their
bureau in 1962, had been employed at Walker Manufacturing
Co., Racine, Wisconsin, since 1928, and as of 1958 JARAGOSKI
was listed as a foreman at Walker. JARAGOSKI's salary as of
1958 was \$600 per month, and it was indicated that he was

[]
Detective [] on May 15, 1963, advised that he and
his partner, Detective [], both Special Detail,
Racine Police Department, had observed [] practically
every day during the week as a bartender at the Marine Bar
located at 1144 South Lafayette Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin.

Spot checks made of the residence of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, who
resides outside the city of Racine in Racine County, by
detectives of the Special Detail, Racine Police Department,

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and by Bureau Agents have shown that RIZZO spends considerable time around the house since the ceasing of his gambling operations in Kenosha, Wisconsin. These spot checks failed to disclose the presence of any cars or individuals who are currently known to be members or associated with "the outfit" in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Detectives [] and [] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, on May 24, 1963, advised that they had received information that SYLVESTER JARAGOSKI had purchased a tavern previously owned by one PETE CEPAKUNAS, now deceased, and which was sold [] to JARAGOSKI. This tavern was known as the "12th Street Tap" located at 1519 - 12th Street, Racine. JARAGOSKI had applied for a license for this tavern with final purchase to become effective on or about July 1, 1963.

Detectives [] and [] pointed out that [] who has been employed at the Marine Bar, was working for [] [] Detectives [] and [] further stated that they had heard that [] had recently negotiated for the []

[] Detectives [] and [] stated that JARAGOSKI in all probability would have to seek other employment in view of the sale of the Marine Bar.

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b7cDate May 28, 1963

[redacted]
[redacted] advised that he was [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] stated that he did not know ANTHONY BIERNAT personally but knew who he was after reading the newspaper accounts of BIERNAT's abduction in January, 1963.

[redacted] stated that he was not working on January 7, 1963 at a regular job and could not recall where he was or what he was doing at that time. When questioned concerning the fact that he was observed at the North Shore Depot the night BIERNAT was abducted, [redacted] stated that he often picked up the early edition of the Chicago Evening Newspaper at the depot, but he does not recall being at the North Shore Depot on January 7, 1963.

[redacted] stated that he knows CADILLAC AL ALBANA, and that ALBANA used to work as a doorman for JOHN RIZZO who had a card game on 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin. In relation to this card game, [redacted] stated that he used to be a "runner" and as a runner, he would pick up a few dollars by going out and bringing back food and beverage for the participating card players.

[redacted] stated that he knew "WEISER" COVELLI, and that he has a vending machine business in the Kenosha area. He also stated that he would bet his life on the fact that "WEISER" COVELLI was not involved in the ANTHONY BIERNAT abduction and murder.

[redacted] stated that JOHN RIZZO is going to the track every day but could not name any person or persons who accompany him to the various tracks.

He stated that RIZZO was going to the Sportsman's Track prior to May 13, 1963, and that he was presently going to the Washington Park Track. He also named MAY WOOD as a track frequented by RIZZO and COVELLI.

The following information was obtained by interview and personal observation:

DOB: [redacted]
POB: [redacted]

On 5-17-63 at Racine, Wisconsin File # 92-257
by SA [redacted] /cef Date dictated 5-23-63

Height:
Weight:
Hair:
Eyes:
Build:
Marital Status:
Criminal Arrests:



[] stated that you would not even find a good card game in Kenosha now due to the current heat from local and federal law enforcement. He also stated that the last time he was in Kenosha was in the middle of January, 1963.

[] stated that he is available for interview by Bureau Agents either at his place of employment or his living quarters at any time. He also stated that he is currently driving an old grey Pontiac, Wisconsin 1963 registration []

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b7cDate June 25, 1963

[redacted] residence [redacted]
advised that he is temporarily employed at the [redacted]
[redacted] where he works from the [redacted]

[redacted] stated he last saw WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI about the first part of April, 1963 at the Sportmen's Track in Chicago, Illinois and to the best of his recollection has not seen him since. [redacted] stated that he has not been down to Kenosha, Wisconsin since sometime early in 1963, perhaps January or February. He stated that he first heard of WILLIAM COVELLI's abduction by reading of it in the papers and that he has no idea as to who might have abducted COVELLI or who might want to abduct COVELLI for any reason. [redacted] advised that he has known WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI approximately 12 or 13 years and that he has known JOHN CHARLES RIZZO for approximately 30 years.

[redacted] stated that he took the job at the [redacted]

[redacted] He was asked concerning his frequenting Greco's Restaurant and the place immediately east of Greco's Restaurant in Kenosha, Wisconsin. [redacted] stated that he used to "hang around there" and that [redacted]

[redacted] He was asked whether or not any card games were played there and [redacted] stated that there used to be a game of hearts and gin rummy and that most of the games of hearts were played over the weekend. He stated that these games would run until four or five in the morning and that over the weekend there would be present WEISER COVELLI, JOHN RIZZO [redacted] (Phonetic), [redacted] AL ALBANA and others whom [redacted] stated he could not recall or declined to name. He was asked whether or not there were ever crap games at the building [redacted] in Kenosha and at first he said

On 6/17/63 at Racine, Wisconsin File # MI 162-49

by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 6/20/63
[redacted] kaj

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there was never any crap game but subsequently he stated that there might have been a little game on occasion. When asked regarding any poker games, [] stated that there might have been a little "low ball" but no real poker games. He stated that these games of hearts and gin rummy had gone on for approximately four or five years.

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[] stated that he knew nothing concerning any of the details regarding the abduction of WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI and had no opinion as to whom might have pulled such a "deal".

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Spot checks periodically made at the residence of JOHN RIZZO, 1906 Emmertsen Road, Racine County, by members of the Special Detail, Racine Police Department, as well as by Bureau Agents have shown that JOHN RIZZO spends considerable time around the house since ceasing his gambling game in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, have advised that their spot checks have failed to disclose the presence of any cars or individuals who are currently known to be members or associated with the "outfit" in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

At Waukegan, Illinois:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]
[redacted]

On February 20, 1963, Officer [redacted] Waukegan Police Department, advised that he knows of no evidence that [redacted] is engaged in gambling. Officer [redacted] did state that [redacted] does have a brother, however, who is a horse trainer and who works the big Chicago area race tracks.

On May 17, 1963, [redacted] advised as follows, it being noted [redacted] has been interviewed a number of times in the past on various matters and has always been found to be cooperative:

He was born and raised on the [redacted] and went to school with many of the Italian element.

He does not know JOHN CHARLES RIZZO personally, but RIZZO has been pointed out to him at the Arlington Race track, Arlington Heights, Illinois, as a man who used to, or does, run a big crap game in Kenosha. He has never known him to be in Lake County nor to have ever been arrested in Illinois. He has been told that a number of years ago RIZZO was arrested, apparently in Wisconsin, on a narcotics charge. He does not know of any other name ever used by RIZZO.

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[] said he has been a lifelong friend of [] of Kenosha and that [] visits him frequently. [] is presently unemployed and recently said he had just sold some property in Kenosha. [] is the man who sold his jukebox business to ANTHONY BIERNAT and was a close friend of his.

[] also knew BIERNAT, but had not seen him for perhaps five years. He knew BIERNAT to have an excellent reputation and could not see him ever getting involved with hoodlums. The only weakness he was known to have was his fondness for chasing women. He has no idea who killed BIERNAT but finds it hard to believe that his business was lucrative enough for hoodlums to try to take it over. [] who has said he has been interviewed by the FBI, told [] that the only thing he knew was that BIERNAT told him the "black hand" was by to get an interest in his business. The "black hand" is an expression used on Kenosha's west side which means the Mafia.

[] said that he knows of no connections in a gambling way between Waukegan and Kenosha. He says he knows of no large bookie in Kenosha nor of any lay-off spot. So far as the Italian bookies which did or do exist, the feeling among his friends was that if one won substantially from them they would never pay off.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
July 6, 1963

Title **JOHN CHARLES RIZZO**

Character **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference Report SA
 dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

The following is a characterization of informants used in
report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as
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Date: 7/13/63

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5012)

From: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) (P)

Subject: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka.
AR
OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 7/8/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Referral/Direct

Detective [redacted] Special Detail, Racine, Wisconsin Police Department, advised on 7/12/63 that [redacted] former [redacted] at the gambling game previously operated by WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO at Kenosha, Wisconsin, is still out of work, having recently lost his job as [redacted] where he had been employed.

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Spot checks of RIZZO's residence in Racine County, Wisconsin by members of the Special Detail, Racine, Wisconsin Police Department and by Bureau Agents have disclosed that RIZZO continues to spend considerable time around his home since his gambling operations were reportedly closed in Kenosha, Wis.

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OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 7/13/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

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RC [redacted] b3 Fed.R.Crim.P. Rule 6(e)
[redacted] on [redacted] was served with a Federal
Subpoena by agents of the Milwaukee Office to appear before
Federal Grand Jury on [redacted] at [redacted]
[redacted]

Agents of the Milwaukee Office this past week have been utilized in the investigation of two bank robberies, the investigation of which has led to identification and apprehension of one of the bank robbers involved.

One of the principle informants of the Milwaukee Office has not been in a position to obtain any information of recent date, due to extended absense from the Milwaukee Division.

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Date: 7/27/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5012)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) (P)
SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
AR
OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau 7/19/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Detective [redacted] Special Detail, Racine PD, on 7/22/63 advised SA [redacted] that one of his sources had informed him that an individual believed to be JOHN RIZZO had been observed on several occasions during the evening hours at one of the better known Racine eating establishments. On these occasions he was either met by or in the company of several men who were unknown to Detective [redacted] source. It was believed that these men were possibly from out of town, either Kenosha or Milwaukee, Wis.

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Detective [redacted] pointed out that it was unlike RIZZO to frequent any public spot in the area and it could be that RIZZO is either in the process of negotiating some new business venture or it is an effort on RIZZO's part to become more identified with community activity that he was previously inclined to do.

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On 7/26/63 [redacted] PCI (protect), advised SA [redacted] that following [redacted] appearance before the Federal Grand Jury at [redacted] which would be about [redacted] heard that [redacted]

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On his return to Kenosha, he met AL ALBANA at Greco's Restaurant and the two then reportedly went next door to the premises of the Kenosha Vending Co. where ALBANA and

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Date: 8/3/63

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5012)
FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) - P -
SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
AR
OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 7/27/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 8/1/63 Detective [] Special Detail, Racine PD, advised that for at least three days the car of [] had been observed in the parking lot located near the Mid Town Hotel, Racine and it did not appear that the automobile had been moved or used. Detective [] stated that [] had not recently been observed around Racine in the areas he has customarily frequented.

Spot checks at RIZZO's residence, Racine County, Wisconsin by members of the Racine PD and Bureau Agents have failed to locate presence of any automobiles of individuals from the Milwaukee "group" who are associates or friends of RIZZO's.

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 FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) (P)
 SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka.
 AR
 OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau dated 8/3/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

[redacted] PCI, on 8/3/63, advised that on 8/2/63,
 WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI, JOHN RIZZO's associate, [redacted]

[redacted] on 8/8/63, advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that he had
 no information indicating that the gambling operation of WILLIAM
 "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO has resumed at Kenosha,
 Wisconsin.

[redacted] Clerk in the U. S. District Courts Office,
 EDW, Milwaukee, advised SA [redacted] on 8/9/63, that
 there was no indication that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO had made
 inquiry or application for a travel visa to leave this country.
 By way of explanation, information has been received by the
 Milwaukee Division that certain individuals connected with
 gambling activities in the Kenosha area have been contemplating
 leaving the United States on various trips. Accordingly, the
 name of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO was checked with [redacted]

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FROM: *ES* SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) -P-

SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
AR

OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 8/12/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Detective [] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, advised on 8/14/63 that SYLVESTER JAROGSKI, new owner of the 12th Street Tap, Racine, Wisconsin, had been periodically observed meeting with [] of WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO in their gambling operation which they had operated in Kenosha, Wisconsin. JAROGSKI in the past has also been observed on at least one occasion by Bureau Agents to pick up JOHN RIZZO at his residence.

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Detective [] stated that it was believed that JAROGSKI and [] were frequenting the race tracks in the Chicago, Illinois area together.

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On 8/13/63, [] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that he has heard very little concerning RIZZO and COVELLI, but he does know that they have not re-opened their gambling joint in Kenosha.

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 8/20/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/27/63 - 8/8/63
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES ^DRIZZO, aka.		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY jb
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

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Report of SA Milwaukee, 7/6/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 7/8/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 7/13/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 7/27/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 8/3/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 8/12/63.

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ENCLOSURES

To Bureau - Original and one copy of letterhead memorandum reflecting characterizations of informants utilized in this report.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

1. Will maintain contact with [] PCI, who has knowledge of gamblers and gambling activities in that area. b6 b7C b7D
2. Will also maintain contact with [] if available, inasmuch as informant has been seriously ill. b7D
3. Will maintain contact with [] PCI, of Kenosha, Wisconsin. b6 b7C b7D

At Racine, Wisconsin

1. Will maintain contact with Special Detail, Racine Police Department, for information that they might have developed regarding any of RIZZO's contacts, associates and activities in that area.
2. Will endeavor to develop information concerning the activities of [], a former associate of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO. b6 b7C
3. Will attempt to ascertain further the current activities of [] of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will maintain contact with [] as well as other informants and logical sources for the purpose of developing additional information regarding RIZZO's current activities, associates and possible plans to reenter gambling activities. b7D

ADMINISTRATIVE

Information regarding the alleged abduction of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI has been reported in COVELLI's file, and the Bureau has been apprised of all developments in the case entitled "WILLIAM COVELLI, aka. IGA," Milwaukee File 162-49, Bureau File 162-777.

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Reference to ANTHONY BIERNAT relates to an investigation being conducted by the Milwaukee Office and wherein BIERNAT, who was a local jukebox operator of only moderate means in Kenosha, Wisconsin, was abducted at approximately 10:15 p.m. on January 7, 1963, at Kenosha, by three or four unidentified assailants. Investigation in the BIERNAT matter is being carried under the caption "JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka. AR," Milwaukee File 92-257, Bureau File 92-4690.

Referral/Direct



INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [redacted] contacted on different occasions by SAs ALBERT B. KNICKREHM and JOHN H. GASSAWAY. b7D

MI T-2 is [redacted] PCI (requested), contacted on different occasions by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

MI T-3 is [redacted] PCI, contacted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: August 20, 1963

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File No.: MI 92-164

Bureau File No.: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: [REDACTED] Racine, Wisconsin, [REDACTED] at gambling game operated at Kenosha, Wisconsin by WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO, reportedly out of work due to closing of Marine Bar, Racine, Wis. RIZZO by various sources reportedly frequenting race tracks in Chicago, Illinois area. WILLIAM COVELLI, associate of RIZZO, stated he had been offered a job at Las Vegas, Nevada but was not interested, although he was interested in an offer to go to the Bahamas, where organized gambling was just getting started.

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DETAILS: At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

MI T-1 on June 27, 1963 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that he believed WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO were possibly still booking but not at the race tracks, which JOHN RIZZO has been said to be frequenting in the Chicago, Illinois area. MI T-1 stated that he believed that a book which was possibly in operation in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area belongs to COVELLI and RIZZO.

The Milwaukee Journal, a local daily and Sunday publication, dated July 10, 1963 contained an article setting forth information attributed to MORTIMER M. CAPLIN, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, in which CAPLIN said that RIZZO realized about \$96,611 from gambling during

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the six years between 1956 and 1961. CAPLIN stated that RIZZO reported \$39,594 and failed to report an additional \$57,013. CAPLIN stated that it had been determined that RIZZO made \$6,973 from gambling in 1956 instead of \$4,687 as he reported, \$12,318 instead of \$4,600 in 1957, \$10,490 instead of \$4,762 in 1958, \$13,480 instead of \$6,445 in 1959, \$25,900 instead of \$8,145 in 1960 and \$27,450 instead of \$10,955 in 1961. The Internal Revenue Service has assessed Extra Federal Income Taxes of \$18,361 which includes civil fraud penalty of \$912 for the year 1957.

MI T-1 on July 24, 1963 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that the alleged abduction of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI which was supposed to have occurred June 6, 1963 at Kenosha, Wisconsin, has become a "joke" among the hoodlums and that they feel it was definitely just a way of trying to ease some of the harassment COVELLI had been receiving from the federal law enforcement agencies as well as local law enforcement agencies.

MI T-1 further advised that RIZZO was still spending a good part of his time going to the race tracks in the Chicago, Illinois area and was believed to be going there practically every day.

MI T-1 on August 8, 1963 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that he had no information indicating that the gambling operation of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO had resumed at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

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MI T-3 advised SA [] on July 3, 1963 that he has heard nothing new regarding the plan of COVELLI and RIZZO concerning extending gambling coverage in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area. It was originally reported that there was to be a central source of gambling information to be handled by COVELLI and RIZZO.

MI T-2 on July 5, 1963 advised SAs [] and [] that he has not seen nor heard of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO being around Kenosha in recent times. MI T-2 stated that RIZZO might have made a brief visit to the Kenosha area but has not been seen on the "west side" where most of the gamblers frequent. He stated he did hear Captain [] of the Kenosha Police Department state that he had seen RIZZO at the track in Illinois on July 3, 1963. MI T-2 stated he heard Captain [] tell this to AL ALBANA. He further stated he does not believe that COVELLI and RIZZO are operating a new "approved"

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gambling game although the Italian element on the west side of Kenosha are still having gambling games of a "friendly nature." b3 Fed.R.Crim.P.Rule 6(e)

On [redacted] [redacted] was served with a federal subpoena by Agents of the Milwaukee Office, which subpoena requested [redacted] appearance before the Federal Grand Jury on [redacted] at [redacted]

On July 26 and August 2, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA [redacted] that following [redacted] appearance before the Federal Grand Jury at [redacted] which would be about [redacted]

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On August 3, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA [redacted] that

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At Racine, Wisconsin

Detective [redacted] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, on July 1, 1963 advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] reportedly [redacted] at the gambling game previously operated by WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO at Kenosha, Wisconsin. is now out of work as a [redacted]

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Detective [redacted] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, advised SA [redacted] on July 12, 1963 that [redacted] at the gambling game previously

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operated by WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO at Kenosha, Wisconsin, was still unemployed.

[redacted] PETER CEPUKENAS, have in the past operated a number of taverns in Racine, Wisconsin and these individuals have been known to [redacted] and [redacted] who have in the past both been acquainted with or associated with JOHN RIZZO. According to representatives of the Racine Police Department PETER CEPUKENAS died in early 1963.

On July 12, 1963 [redacted] Bureau of Identification, Racine Police Department, furnished the following arrest record of [redacted] date of birth [redacted] was described as a white male:

<u>Date of Arrest</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
[redacted]		

[redacted] furnished the following arrest record on PETER PAUL CEPUKENAS, JR., residence 1211 - 10th Street, date of birth January 3, 1914, Racine, Wisconsin:

<u>Date of Arrest</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
3/18/31	Petty Larceny	Report to court
9/5/37	Operating Auto Without Driver's License	5 days
7/22/38	Inmate Gambling House	Dismissed by DA
6/27/44	Operating Auto Without Driver's License	\$15.00
1/24/57	Parking Violation	Paid \$7.22
7/17/58	Arterial Violation	Paid \$15.00
8/20/58	Parking Violation	Paid \$7.22
5/29/59	Parking Violation	Paid \$7.22
2/28/61	Speeding	Paid \$25.00
5/13/61	Speeding	Paid \$40.00
10/15/62	Snow Emergency	Paid \$7.50
2/15/62	Operating Unregistered Vehicle	Paid \$10.00

Detective [] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, on July 22, 1963 advised SA [] that one of his sources had informed him that an individual believed to be JOHN RIZZO had been observed on several occasions during the evening hours at one of the better known Racine eating establishments. On these occasions he was either met by or in the company of several men who were unknown to Detective [] source. It was believed that these men were possibly from out of town, either Kenosha or Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Detective [] pointed out that it was unlike RIZZO to frequent any public spot in the area and it could be that RIZZO is either in the process of negotiating some new business venture or it is an effort on RIZZO's part to become more identified with community activity than he was previously inclined to do.

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On July 27, 1963 Detective [] Special Squad, Racine Police Department, advised that [] a local gambler, who at one period sometime back had an interest in JOHN RIZZO's gambling game at Kenosha, had on approximately June 16, 1963 been denied a bartender's license by the Licensing Committee of the City of Racine Common Council. [] pointed out that had [] obtained such license, that in all probability there would have been gambling or booking wherever [] might become employed.

On August 1, 1963 Detective [] Racine Police Department, advised SA [] that the at least three days the car of [] had been observed in the parking lot located near the Mid Town Hotel, Racine, and it did not appear that the automobile had been moved or used. Detective [] stated that [] had not recently been observed around Racine in the areas that he has customarily frequented.

Spot checks of JOHN RIZZO's residence on Emmertson Road in Racine County, Wisconsin, by members of the Special Detail, Racine, Wisconsin Police Department and by Bureau Agents have disclosed that RIZZO spends considerable time around his home. These spot checks have failed to disclose the presence of any cars or individuals who are currently known to be members or associates of "The Outfit" in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

August 20, 1963

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Title **JOHN CHARLES RIZZO**

Character **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference Report of SA
dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 20, 1963

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

The following is a characterization of informants used in the
report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above:

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MI T-1 is [redacted]
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MI T-2 is [redacted]
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MI T-3 is [redacted]
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Date: 8/26/63

Transmit the following in AIRTEL
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5012)
FROM ~~SA~~: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164)-P
SUBJECT : JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
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OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 8/19/63.

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On 8/23/63 Detectives [] and [] Special
Squad, Racine PD, advised that they had interviewed []

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On 8/23/63 Government attorneys in Washington, D. C., made available information on the Federal Tax Delinquency Case against JOHN RIZZO of Racine, who is charged with failing to report all of his income from gambling.

An answer to RIZZO's tax court petition protesting an extra tax assessment of \$18,361, including fraud penalties of \$912, said he operated a Milwaukee gambling establishment at 1240 North Astor Street.

RIZZO was linked to the Milwaukee place for 1957 only although the assessment involves the years 1956 through 1961. The fraud penalty was for 1957.

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The answer also said that RIZZO realized total gambling profits of \$12,318 at the Milwaukee address in 1957 and failed to account for \$7,714.

For all 6 years the Internal Revenue Service said RIZZO realized about \$96,611 from gambling but reported only \$39,594.

On motion of [REDACTED] the court ordered that the case be tried in Milwaukee.

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Date: 9/3/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5012)
 FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) P
 SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
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OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau 8/26/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 8/30/63 Detective [] Special Detail, Racine PD, advised SA [] that as of approximately 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 1963, the station wagon of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI was observed at the residence of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, 1906 Emmertsen Road, Racine County.

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On 8/29/63 [] PCI (protect), advised [] not seen JOHN RIZZO in the Kenosha, Wis. area for sometime and has heard that he is still going to the race tracks in the Chicago, Illinois area on a regular basis.

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Date: 9/18/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5012)

FROM: *AK/llc* CSAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) - PJOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
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OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 9/3/63

SUMMARY AIRTEL

[] PCI (protect) on 9/6/63 advised that WILLIAM COVELLI had gone to Racine, Wis. on 9/5/63 to cabaret, but Informant did not know with whom COVELLI went to Racine or whom he might have contacted there. Informant further advised that COVELLI never mentions the name of JOHN RIZZO or anything concerning RIZZO's current activities.

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[] PCI, advised SA [] on 9/6/63 that WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO were still not operating in Kenosha, Wisconsin and gambling in Kenosha was all local in nature.

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[] PCI, advised on 9/6 and 9/13/63 that JOHN RIZZO has not been seen around Kenosha, Wis. for some length of time.

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Detectives [] and [] Special Detail, Racine P.D., on 9/13/63, advised that WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO were not known to be meeting in the Racine, Wis. area with any degree of frequency. They advised that according to their sources JOHN RIZZO is not known to have resumed his game in the Kenosha area.

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On 9/17/64, Detective [] Special Detail, Racine, Wis. P.D., advised that JOHN RIZZO had been followed by members of the Special Squad of the Racine P.D. during the morning of 9/17/63, but in a short time RIZZO had alluded the surveillance in a congested traffic area.

On 9/18/63, Chief LEROY JENKINS, Racine P.D., advised that he had received information which indicated that JOHN RIZZO has been periodically laid up for the last couple of weeks due to an affliction similar to the gout. RIZZO was said to be somewhat restricted in his physical activity, although he appears to get about on a limited basis.

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SAC, MILWAUKEE ^{EX-115} (92-164)

October 3, 1963

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Director, FBI (92-5012) - 52JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
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OO: MILWAUKEE

Reference is made to your communication dated 9/27/63 transmitting
☐ negative(s) ☒ film ☐ photograph(s) ☐ document(s) ☐
 pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request ☐ film has been developed
☐ enlargement(s) made
☐ positive copy made
☒ print(s) made
☐ slide(s) made
☒ negative(s) made
☐ Photostats made

The above is ☒ attached
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5012)

DATE: 9-27-63

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
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OO: MILWAUKEE

There is being enclosed herewith, a strip of 16 mm colored film which was made available by officers of the Special Detail, Racine, Wisconsin, PD. The Racine, Wisconsin PD by reason of limited nature of their equipment cannot make any satisfactory enlargements for their own use or to make enlargements available to the Milwaukee FBI Office.

In the film referred to, there are the images of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, subject of Milwaukee case entitled "JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka AR" and also the image of one of the members of the Special Detail, Racine PD. RIZZO is dressed in a sport coat.

It is requested that two negatives be prepared of RIZZO as well as eight photographs. One negative has been requested by the Racine, Wisconsin PD and will be furnished to that department when made available by the Bureau.

The 16 mm film is to be returned to the Racine PD by the Milwaukee Office. If convenient, it is suggested that one enlargement of approximately 5" by 7" be made to include both the individuals shown in the film, and which enlargement may be turned over to the Racine PD to aid the Special Detail in establishing build, size, posture, etc., of RIZZO for convenience of that department in conducting future surveillances.

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It is to be noted that the Racine PD has been extremely cooperative with the Milwaukee FBI Office in this as well as other matters, and that there are three National Academy men on that department who have rendered assistance in numerous Bureau investigations.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5012) DATE: 10/7/63
ATTN: SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164) -P-

SUBJECT: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
AR

OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Bureau letter to Albany, dated 9/10/63, re
Criminal Intelligence Program, Hoodlum Album.

In keeping with instructions concerning this
program, two photographs of subject and one negative
are being forwarded to the Bureau. These photos were
obtained from a 16 Millimeter colored film furnished by
the Special Detail, Racine, Wisconsin Police Department,
and which film was taken in August, 1963. Subject's des-
cription, FBI Number, and time photo was taken is indicated
on each photo.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE Milwaukee	OFFICE OF ORIGIN Milwaukee	DATE 11/20/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/23/63 - 11/14/63
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY bs
		CHARACTER OF CASE AR	

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REFERENCES

Report SA , 8/20/63, at Milwaukee;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 8/26/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 9/3/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 9/18/63;
 Milwaukee letter to Bureau, 9/27/63;
 Milwaukee letter to Bureau, 10/7/63.

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ENCLOSURES

To Bureau: Original and one copy letterhead memorandum reflecting characterizations of informants utilized in this report.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION:

At Kenosha, Wisconsin:

1. Will maintain contact with [] PCI, who has knowledge of and contact with gamblers and gambling activities in that area. b6 b7C b7D
2. Will also maintain contact with [] if available, inasmuch as informant has been seriously ill. b7D
3. Will maintain contact with [] PCI, of Kenosha, Wisc., for further information which she might possess. b6 b7C b7D

At Racine, Wisconsin:

1. Will maintain contact with Special Detail Racine Police Department for additional information that they might have developed regarding any of RIZZO's contacts and associates.
2. Will endeavor to develop additional information concerning the activities of [] a former associate of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO. b6 b7C
3. Will maintain contact with [] PCI, for additional information he has been able to develop indicating that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO is or is not maintaining contact with known gamblers in the Kenosha and Racine, Wisc., area. b6 b7C b7D
4. Will through [] PCI, endeavor to ascertain whether Subject RIZZO is currently "booking." b6 b7C b7D

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Will maintain contact with [] as well as other informants and logical sources for the purpose of developing additional information regarding RIZZO's current activities and his possible contacts made at Milwaukee, Wisc. b7D

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Information regarding the alleged abduction of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI has been reported in COVELLI's file, and the Bureau has been apprised of all developments in the case entitled "WILLIAM COVELLI, aka. IGA," Milwaukee File 162-49, Bureau File 162-777.

Reference to ANTHONY BIERNAT relates to an investigation being conducted by the Milwaukee Office and wherein BIERNAT, who was a local jukebox operator of only moderate means in Kenosha, Wisc., was abducted at approximately 10:15 PM on 1/7/63, at Kenosha, by three or four unidentified assailants. Investigation in the BIERNAT matter is being carried under the caption "JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka. AR," Milwaukee File 92-257, Bureau File 92-4690.

Detectives [redacted] and [redacted], Special Squad, Racine PD. have advised that officers of their department had

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[redacted] has shown a desire to cooperate with law enforcement officers in determining the extent of gambling operations in the Racine as well as the Kenosha, Wisc., area.

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has appeared very cooperative and has furnished information of some consequence in connection with the Milwaukee Criminal Intelligence Program, Milwaukee File 92-145, as well as furnishing information on matters pertaining to other gambling cases currently under investigation.

The [redacted] is [redacted]
[redacted] has furnished information to members of the Special Detail, Racine PD, but has requested [redacted] identity not be divulged.

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INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [] contacted on different occasions by b7D
SAs JOHN H. GASSAWAY and ALBERT B. KNICKREHM;

MI T-2 is [] PCI (requested), contacted on
different occasions by SAs []
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MI T-3 is [] PCI. contacted by SAs []
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MI T-4 is [] PCI (requested) contacted
by SAs [] SHULWAY and []

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 USA Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: November 20, 1963

Office: Milwaukee

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Field Office File No.: MI 92-164

Bureau File No.: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: JOHN C. RIZZO not observed for some time in Kenosha, Wisc., area nor, according to most informed sources, known to be gambling or operating in Kenosha. Subject reportedly continued to frequent the race tracks in the Chicago, Ill., area. WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI, former gambling partner of RIZZO, never mentions name of Subject, but information from other sources shows them in contact, sometimes [REDACTED] who used to participate in RIZZO's and COVELLI's game at Kenosha, Wisc. [REDACTED] believed identical with one [REDACTED]. Subject RIZZO now driving new 1963 Lincoln automobile. One source advised that certain gamblers at American Motors Corp., Kenosha, Wisc., "laying off" with RIZZO. This not yet confirmed by other sources.

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DETAILS:At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

MI T-1 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY, August 30, 1963, that he has heard very little concerning JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI, but he does know that they have ^{not} reopened their game in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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"The Milwaukee Journal," a local Milwaukee daily newspaper, dated August 23, 1963, carried an article which read in part:

"Government attorneys Thursday provided additional details of their Federal tax delinquency case against John C. Rizzo, 52, of Racine, who is charged with failing to report all of his income from gambling.

"An answer to Rizzo's tax court petition, protesting an extra tax assessment of \$18,361, including fraud penalties of \$912, said he operated a Milwaukee gambling establishment at 1240 North Astor Street.

"The Racine man, who is the older brother of Sam Rizzo, Racine labor leader, was linked to the Milwaukee place for 1957 only, although the assessment involves the years 1956 through 1961. The fraud penalty was for 1957.

"The answer said Rizzo realized total gambling profits of \$12,318 at the Milwaukee address in 1957 and failed to account for \$7714.

"For all six years, said the Internal Revenue Service, Rizzo realized about \$96,611 from gambling but reported only \$39,594.....

"On motion of Floyd J. Marendt, Milwaukee, Rizzo's attorney, Judge Norman O. Tietjens of the Tax Court ordered that the case be tried in Milwaukee."

At Kenosha, Wisconsin:

MI T-2 on August 29, 1963, advised SA [redacted] that he has not seen JOHN RIZZO in the Kenosha, Wisconsin, area for some time but has heard that RIZZO is still going to the race tracks in the Chicago, Illinois, area on a regular basis.

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MI T-3 advised SA [redacted], on September 6, 1963, that WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO were still not operating in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and gambling in Kenosha was all local in nature. b6 b7C

MI T-2 on September 6, 1963, advised SA [redacted] that WILLIAM COVELLI had gone to Racine, Wisconsin, the day before to cabaret, but informant did not know the purpose or with whom COVELLI went to Racine. MI T-2 stated that COVELLI never mentions the name of JOHN RIZZO or anything about RIZZO's current activities. b6 b7C

MI T-2 on September 13, 1963, again advised SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] that JOHN RIZZO had not been observed around Kenosha, Wisconsin, for some period of time nor was there any indication that RIZZO had resumed his gambling activities in that area. On September 13, 1963, MI T-2 advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that WILLIAM COVELLI had told him that on or about September 12, 1963, COVELLI had gone to Waukegan, Illinois, to go to a "key club." Informant advised he did not know the nature of this place but presumed it was probably some type of a "gambling spot." Informant indicated that he would endeavor to ascertain further information concerning this "key club" and COVELLI's connection with it. b6 b7C

MI T-2 further advised that when WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO formerly operated their "big game" in Kenosha, Wisconsin, [redacted]

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MI T-2 further stated that WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI had told [redacted]

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Informant stated, however, that there was no current

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indication that this would be part of the operation with RIZZO or that it had the approval of the "outfit" in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

At Racine, Wisconsin:

On August 23, 1963, Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] Special Detail, Racine, Wisconsin, Police Department, advised SA [redacted] that they had interviewed [redacted] This person told Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO, for a brief period of time.

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On August 30, 1963, Detective [redacted] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, advised SA [redacted] that as of approximately 11:30 AM on Tuesday, August 27, 1963, the station wagon of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI had been observed at the residence of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, 1906 Emmertsen Road, Racine County.

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On September 13, 1963, Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] Racine Police Department, advised that according to their sources that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO were not known to be meeting in the Racine, Wisconsin, area in recent times. They advised that according to their sources JOHN RIZZO was not known to have resumed his "game" in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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On September 17, 1963, Detective [redacted] Special Detail, Racine, Wisconsin, Police Department, advised that JOHN RIZZO had been followed by members of their squad during the morning of September 17, 1963; but in a short time RIZZO had eluded the surveillance in a congested traffic area.

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On September 17, 1963, Detective [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the individual referred to as [redacted] is undoubtedly identical with [redacted] and who is associating with [redacted]

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On September 17, 1963, Chief of Police LEROY JENKINS (NA), Racine Police Department, advised that approximately one week or ten days previous he had heard that Attorney [REDACTED] had interceded with an individual who was the head of the City of Racine Employment Office and [REDACTED] was interceding in behalf of [REDACTED] at the gambling operation which had been run by RIZZO and COVELLI in the Kenosha area. Attorney [REDACTED] had stated that [REDACTED] "was really hurting and would consider any type of job." Chief JENKINS stated that he had heard that [REDACTED] was now driving a refuse truck for the City of Racine.

On September 26, 1963, Detective [REDACTED] advised that JOHN RIZZO has disposed of his 1957 Lincoln and has a new 1963 Lincoln, dark green, which has RIZZO's same Wisconsin 1963 license number N42766. Detective [REDACTED] further stated that he has seen [REDACTED] for COVELLI and RIZZO working as a city employee as a refuse collector in the Racine area.

MI T-4 on October 14, 1963, advised that he had heard that three individuals who were taking bets at American Motors Corporation, Kenosha, Wisconsin, were said to be laying off bets with JOHN RIZZO and that Friday of each week is the big day for most of the action. According to MI T-4, these three men together handle approximately \$1000 in bets each week and keep \$500, which is split among the three. According to the informant, this is allegedly a \$25,000 a year operation, based on information he has heard. Informant further added that he had heard that JOHN RIZZO was supposed to be booking \$6000 worth of business each week and handles most "lay offs" with 5% protection money.

Sgt. [REDACTED] Racine, Wisconsin, Police Department, on October 31, 1963, advised that one of his sources had told him that [REDACTED] had lost \$6700 recently through horse bets. Sgt. [REDACTED] stated that his source had informed him that the money supposedly came either from Chicago, Illinois, or from JOHN CHARLES RIZZO. [REDACTED] was extremely unhappy inasmuch as when he loses he has to pay a percentage of the losses, possibly 10% or more; however, if he wins he gets a percentage of the take at which time he is then playing with someone else's money. [REDACTED] reportedly is spending time in Chicago, Illinois, periodically

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and presumably in connection with his betting activities. Sgt. [] stated that [] comes into the Leadopho Restaurant (phonetic) and goes into the back room where he gives the owner money that was won during the day and [] does not hang around but immediately leaves. If a police officer should be in the restaurant then, [] stops to have a drink and immediately leaves.

On November 8, 1963, Sgt. [] Racine Police Department, advised that he had heard from one of his sources that [] telephone number [] was taking horse bet action in the Racine area for [] and [] (phonetic), who operates the [] has in the past been known to be an associate, or for a period of time to have been in business with JOHN CHARLES RIZZO. Sgt. [] also stated that a police officer [] [] had advised him that he has observed one [] in the cigar store picking up racing forms, which are believed to have been published in Illinois. According to Sgt. [] his source has stated that [] gives [] and [] 25% of the winnings and they pay 25% of the lossess. Sgt. [] observed that this tied in with the information he had previously received in which [] was reportedly the loser of \$6700.

October 12, 1963

Date

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI and JOHN RIZZO were observed talking together at a table right next to the registration desk in the dining room of Lazio's on Fifth. They were observed together during the approximate period 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. during which time agent had other business in this area.

On 10/10/63 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # 6 - ME 94-316
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by SA [redacted] /imp Date dictated 10/11/63 b6
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
November 20, 1963

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Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference Report SA
dated and captioned as above.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
November 20, 1963

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to the report of SA [REDACTED]
dated and captioned as above at Milwaukee.

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The following is a characterization of informants used in
above-referenced report:

MI T-1 is [REDACTED]

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MI T-2 is [REDACTED]

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MI T-3 is [REDACTED]

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MI T-4 is [REDACTED]

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 1/28/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/5/63 - 1/21/64
TITLE OF CASE JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY lmp
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REFERENCES

Report of SA 11/20/63 at Milwaukee.
Milwaukee letter to Chicago 11/20/63.

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ENCLOSURES

To the Bureau: Original and one copy of letterhead memorandum reflecting characterizations of informants utilized in this report.

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At Cudahy, Wisconsin:

Will interview [redacted] alleged to be employed by the Layton Pipe Co. to determine the reason why he has been sending money on a weekly basis to [redacted] Hotel Nelson, Racine, Wisconsin. [redacted] has been described by Racine Police Department as a gambler and associate of [redacted] at the RIZZO-COVELLI crap games in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin:

1. Will remain in contact with developed sources of information for current activities of gamblers and gambling activity in the area that might involve subject.
2. Will continue efforts to determine gambling operation being conducted by subject and WILLIAM COVELLI in Kenosha or surrounding area.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Referral/Direct

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[Redacted]

2. Will maintain contact with [redacted] and other developed sources for information regarding RIZZO's current activities and association with the Milwaukee hoodlum element.

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At Racine, Wisconsin:

1. Will interview [redacted] Racine, for pertinent details of gambling activities of subject. b6
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2. Will maintain contact with Special Detail, Racine Police Department, for additional information on current activities and associates of subject.
3. Will follow activities of [redacted] former associate of JOHN RIZZO. b6
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ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigative period of this report has been extended to include informant information that was not available to the case agent previously assigned this case and who reported referenced report.

On November 8, 1963 Bureau agents observed subject placing a call from exchange number 634-9486, which is a pay phone located at the abandoned North Shore Depot, 1126 West Blvd., Racine, Wisconsin.

On December 5, 1963 [redacted] advised SE [redacted] that telephone number BR 6-2824 is listed to the General Insurance Company of America, 740 North Plankinton Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. b6
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MI T-1 is [redacted] contacted by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY. b7D
MI T-2 is [redacted] contacted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] b6
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MI T-3 is [] contacted by SA []

MI T-4 is []
(requested).

MI T-5 is PCI [] contacted by SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM.

MI T-6 is PCI [] contacted by SA []
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MI T-7 is PCI [] contacted by SAs []
[] and [].

MI T-8 is PCI [] contacted by SA []
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: January 28, 1964

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Field Office File No.: MI 92-164

Bureau File No.: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI - RACKETEERING

Synopsis: JOHN C. RIZZO, maintains association with WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI but not in the Kenosha area. Informed source has advised that RIZZO was booking in Racine but is not currently running any crap or poker games. Informed source has also advised that JOHN RIZZO is not the big man in the Racine-Kenosha gambling picture but that a man by the name of [REDACTED] formerly from Chicago, is the big man in charge of the Racine-Kenosha gambling and that RIZZO allegedly reports to [REDACTED]. This has not yet been confirmed by other sources. [REDACTED] maintained association with gamblers and is booking horse bets at Racine, Wis. [REDACTED] Racine, Wis., [REDACTED] at gambling game operated at Kenosha, Wis. by COVELLI and RIZZO, arrested on gambling charge by Racine PD. [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On November 5, 1963 MI T-1 advised that JOHN RIZZO and BILL COVELLI [REDACTED]

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On November 6, 1963 MI T-5 advised that he had attended the races at Sportsman's Park in Illinois a couple of weeks ago and that he saw JOHN RIZZO at the track. He stated, however, that he did not know whether or not RIZZO was booking at this track. MI T-5 also advised that he has not heard of any crap game being operated in northern Illinois and he has not heard anyone state that there would be a reopening of a crap game.

On November 20, 1963 MI T-1 advised that both JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI would be in Milwaukee on Saturday to attend the wedding of [REDACTED]

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On November 18, 1963 MI T-3 advised that he could not conceive that JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI of the west side crowd in Kenosha would have completely dropped "craps" and poker gambling games in Kenosha in lieu of all of the money that is available in the Kenosha-Racine area due to American Motors.

On November 25, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA [REDACTED] had seen [REDACTED] within the last couple of days at which time he stated that [REDACTED]

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On January 5, 1964 MI T-2 advised that persons by the name of [REDACTED] from Racine, Wisconsin have all been observed in the company of [REDACTED] at one time or other at Greco's Restaurant.

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MI T-2 also stated that [REDACTED]

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Concerning "WEISER" COVELLI, MI T-2 advised that [REDACTED]
not heard any more information pertaining to COVELLI or

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MI T-2 stated that the Kenosha townspeople, especially the west side gang, are overly concerned about the current John Doe proceedings because one of the state investigators is a former State Fire Marshal and is well aware of the gambling activities conducted in the past by RIZZO, COVELLI and other west side gang members.

Along these same lines, MI T-2 advised that fear continues to grip the people in Kenosha since the ANTHONY J. BERNAT killing and that individuals feel that if a person such as BERNAT can be abducted and killed the same thing might happen to them.

MI T-2 also stated that [REDACTED] has been away from Greco's Restaurant for the past several weeks for some unknown reason but that AL ALBANA, a former doorman at the Kenosha crap game operated by RIZZO and COVELLI, still is a daily visitor at Greco's Restaurant.

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He also stated that [REDACTED] was a prior visitor to the RIZZO-COVELLI craps game but that he was unable to recall with whom he had seen [REDACTED] other than local Kenoshans.

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AT RACINE, WISCONSIN

On November 9, 1963 MI T-6 advised that JOHN RIZZO is not the big operator in Racine or Kenosha gambling circles but a man by the name of [REDACTED] formerly from Chicago is supposed to be the big man. MI T-6 stated that RIZZO is reportedly reporting to this man.

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On November 13, 1963 MI T-7 advised that JOHN RIZZO has allegedly sold out to the Milwaukee hoodlum element and is going to Las Vegas, Nevada. The Milwaukee buyers are supposed to be three men and MI T-7 was able to obtain only one name and advised that this was a man by the name of [redacted] (phonetic). MI T-7 stated that he did not know what RIZZO had to sell or the reason for RIZZO's going to Las Vegas. He also stated that these men from Milwaukee are supposed to have a gambling operation planned that will make the current Kenosha and Racine gambling operations look like peanuts. MI T-7 was very emphatic in describing these three men as being "big boys" as pertains to gambling.

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MI T-7 stated that [redacted] who is in partnership with [redacted] in the [redacted] and [redacted] is conducting a large scale horse betting operation and also a football pool. [redacted] has received bets by telephone from [redacted] and also from a bartender by the name of [redacted] from the College Inn.

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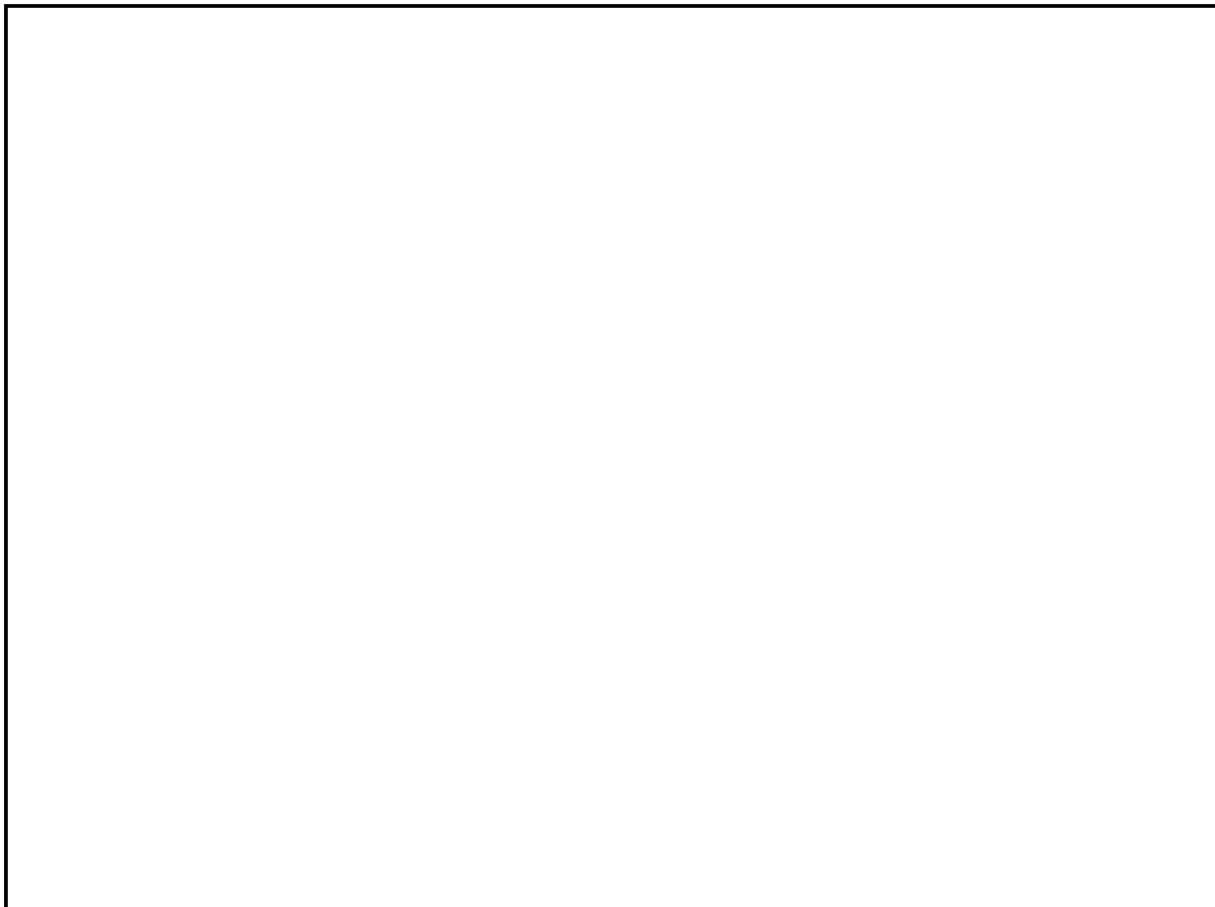
MI T-7 described [redacted] operation as follows:

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On November 19, 1963 Detective [redacted] Special Details, Racine Police Department, advised that on November 15, 1963 they had observed a black Oldsmobile, 1961, bearing Wisconsin registration [redacted] parked in the driveway at JOHN RIZZO's home on Emmertson Road, Racine County, Wisconsin. Detective [redacted] stated that RIZZO's car was gone and that a check was made on this registration and it is listed to [redacted]

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Detective [redacted] also advised that he and his partner made a pretext call at Trentadue's Grocery Store on Douglas Avenue and [redacted] was not working in the grocery store at this time but his wife was behind the counter.

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Detective [] also advised on this same date that

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that time had furnished the following information to
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[] Detective [] also advised that []
was a daily visitor at various racing tracks in Illinois
and a close associate of [] another local
Racine gambler.

On December 3, 1963 MI T-8 advised that there is a weekly
gambling game being held at 1060 $\frac{1}{2}$ Washington Avenue, Racine,
Wisconsin and is [] who also has
[] and SYLVESTER JAROGOWSKI as dealers and persons
who control the game for []

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MI T-8 stated that he has participated in these games and
has observed [] a participant in these games
and at one time [] came to the Washington Avenue
address with [] and at this time [] made
a statement about being "cleaned out" in a crap game at
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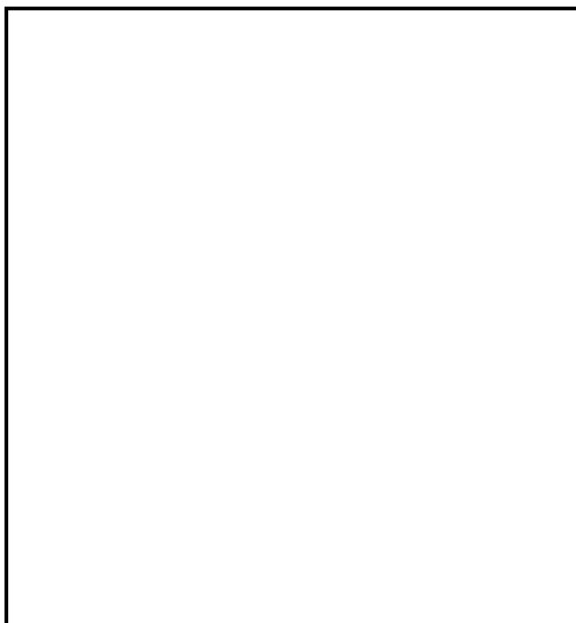
direct telephone line or just associates in the Chicago area.

On December 7, 1963 Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] Special Detail, Racine Police Department, advised that during the early hours of this date they, in company with other officers of the Racine Police Department, had served a search warrant on the premises at [redacted] [redacted] and had observed a number of men seated around a table playing cards with money in front of them. These individuals were arrested as inmates of a gambling house. The warrant was read to [redacted] of the apartment, and she advised the raiding police officers that the game was under the direction of [redacted] [redacted] as he had requested the use of her apartment for the purposes of playing cards.

Detective [redacted] furnished the names and addresses of the following individuals who were arrested at the [redacted] address:



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During the course of the interviews conducted with the arrested gamblers [redacted] advised that they had stated that the above group had been playing cards as a group for some time and that they would take a cut from each pot of the game in order to pay for food and beverages for the evening's activity and that each individual questioned had refused to state the identity of the keeper of the game.

On December 19, 1963 while conducting a routine spotcheck at RIZZO's home on Emmertson Road, Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] observed a vehicle bearing 1964 Wisconsin registration J5 parked in the driveway close to RIZZO's garage. Detective [redacted] stated that a subsequent registration check disclosed that this vehicle is registered to [redacted]
[redacted] and appears on a 1962 Mercury two door.

On December 31, 1963 JOHN RIZZO was observed as a passenger in a 1962 Chevrolet, white, bearing 1964 Wisconsin registration G19-815 in company with [redacted] of questionable character. RIZZO and [redacted] were observed driving on County Highway 31, heading east toward Racine and subsequently they entered Rapids Drive. On this same date at a later time [redacted] was observed sitting in

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a dark green Cadillac Convertible bearing Wisconsin registration [redacted] parked near his car in a public parking lot on Lake Drive and 5th Street, Racine, Wisconsin. Detective [redacted] advised that this car was registered to [redacted]

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[redacted] and that he is known to be a big and heavy horse bettor. He also advised that Wisconsin registration [redacted] is listed to [redacted]

On January 7, 1964 MI T-4 advised that he had been a participant in the former RIZZO-COVELLI craps games at the former location of the 56th Street cigarette store in Kenosha, Wisconsin until the games were terminated in February of 1963. He stated that JOHN RIZZO was the big man behind the whole operation and that each night the game was held RIZZO would bring the money in for the game from Milwaukee. MI T-4 advised that if RIZZO was called out or was not present for the evening action WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI would take over and run the operation for RIZZO. MI T-4 also stated that COVELLI was receiving a percentage of the craps game.

MI T-4 stated that [redacted]

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MI T-4 advised that COVELLI told him that, [redacted]

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On January 7, 1964 MI T-7 advised that a person by the name of [redacted] is now handling some of the booking

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operation for [] and that [] is picking up action on a daily basis at places by the name of Inferno, Demet and Valente, Wimpy's and then [] returns to Demet and Valente's. MI T-7 stated that [] makes these rounds on a daily basis between breakfast and lunch time and has to have his action into Demet and Valente's Bar by noon time.

On January 21, 1964 Detectives [] and [] of the Racine Special Details, Racine Police Department, advised [] spends a considerable portion of each morning at Honest John's, a known hangout for gamblers where he is also booking horses. They also advised that they have received information from a confidential source that [] also frequents the Coffee Cup, 811 Washington Avenue each morning and while at the Coffee Cup receives money from several individuals who are booking or who are known horse bettors. Detective [] advised that [] is now driving a 1963 Buick, color brown, bearing 1964 Wisconsin registration []

Detective [] also advised that on January 11, 1964 he and his partner had observed JOHN RIZZO's car parked in the 1800 block of North Main Street in Racine and had observed RIZZO walking south on North Main Street toward High Street. At this time RIZZO entered a phone booth on North Main at 11:10 a.m. and RIZZO was observed talking on the telephone and had a slip of paper in his hand. They advised that RIZZO left the booth at 11:49, entered his vehicle and drove off. They advised that the phone number at this pay station is 634-9439. At a later hour Detective [] and [] observed subject's car, bearing 1964 Wisconsin registration N42-766 parked on Lake Avenue by Memorial Hall. RIZZO was observed walking towards the library and subsequently walked back to his vehicle at 12:45 and started to get into his car but then crossed the street, walked around and then returned to his car at 1:09 p.m. At 1:13 p.m. he walked south on Lake Avenue to the YMCA at which time a white female arrived at 1:25 p.m. in a car bearing 1964 Wisconsin registration []. A white female wearing a blue and white checkered coat entered the boys entrance of the YMCA and Detective [] stated they observed a white Rambler bearing 1964 Wisconsin

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registration [] parked on 8th Street which is the boys entrance side of the YMCA. Later on in the day at 2:20 p.m. the above detectives stated that JOHN RIZZO's car was gone and they observed the above described woman driving away in the Lark with several kids in the car.

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Spotchecks of JOHN RIZZO's residence on Emmertson Road in Racine County, Wisconsin by members of the Special Detail, Racine Police Department and by Bureau agents have disclosed that RIZZO spends considerable time around his home. These spotchecks have failed to disclose the presence of any cars or individuals who are currently known to be members or associates of "the Outfit" in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
January 28, 1964

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The following is a characterization of informants used in
the report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned
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SAC, Milwaukee

2-7-64

Director, FBI

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
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Re report of SA [] dated 1-28-64.

It is noted on page 3 of referenced report that an informant of your office has advised that Rizzo is not the biggest gambling operator in the Racine or Kenosha area, but is in fact reporting to an individual by the name of [] formerly from Chicago.

You should follow this matter to determine if such a situation exists in the Racine and Kenosha area and if such an individual is uncovered, a separate case should be opened concerning that investigation.

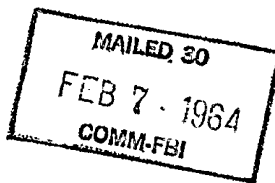
NOTE: Wisconsin informant advises individual by the name of [] out of Chicago is the big man in gambling circles in Racine and Kenosha area and Rizzo reportedly operates under this individual known as [].

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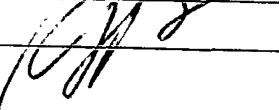
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current activities of gamblers who were regular participants in the former RIZZO-COVELLI crap game in Kenosha.

Will continue efforts to determine if Subject is currently involved in any gambling ventures in the Kenosha area.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will maintain contact with [] for information concerning Subject's meeting with and associating with FRANK BALISTRERI and others of the Milwaukee Outfit. b7D

Will attempt to develop information furnished by [] that Subject and WILLIAM "WEIZER" COVELLI have had a falling out and/or just staying away from each other due to the current Kenosha John Doe proceeding.

At Racine, Wisconsin

Will contact [] Racine County, pertaining to trash and other items Subject disposes of on a weekly basis. b6 b7C

Will maintain contact with the Special Detail, Racine Police Department, for additional information on current activities and associates of Subject in view of the fact that they conduct daily surveillances of Subject and his relatives in the Racine area.

Will maintain contact with developed sources of information and endeavor to ascertain whether Subject is currently operating "a book" in the Racine area or is backing some other form of gambling operation.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Investigative Period of this report has been extended to include information received from an informant that was not available when referenced report was prepared.

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MI T-1 is [] contacted by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY. b7D

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MI T-2 is [] contacted by SA []

MI T-4 is PCI [] contacted by SA []
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MI T-6 is PCI [] contacted by SA []
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MI T-7 is PCI [] contacted by SA []
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MI T-9 is [] contacted by SA []

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: March 28, 1964

Office: Milwaukee

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Field Office File No.: MI 92-164

Bureau File No.: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: [REDACTED] alleged to be connected with the Heavy Construction School of Illinois, not identical with Subject, JOHN RIZZO. Subject has not re-opened crap game in Kenosha-Racine area. Subject [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] from North Chicago not known to be involved in Kenosha gambling. Subject and former gambling associate WILLIAM COVELLI not being seen together in Kenosha at present time, apparently due to the Kenosha John Doe and may have had a falling out.

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DETAILS:

At Chicago, Illinois

[REDACTED] of the Heavy Construction School of Illinois, 6135 North Elston, Chicago, advised SAs DENNIS W. SHANAHAN and [REDACTED], on January 28, 1964, that [REDACTED] was known to her, but he was never officially associated with this school. By way of explanation, [REDACTED] stated that

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

On January 30, 1964, MI T-2 advised that he was in the former Tropic Club, now called Mr. G's, on 22nd Avenue, and that this club is now [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] for the Kenosha Vending Company, operated by WILLIAM COVELLI and RALPH GRECO.

MI T-2 stated that he was in Mr. G's place on [redacted] and had observed what appeared to be a large pool table with a green felt cover. He advised that he did not observe any equipment that would convert this pool table into a crap table, but he advised that the former COVELLI-RIZZO crap games were being held on a converted pool table. b7D

MI T-2 advised that he has not received any current information that would indicate that RIZZO or COVELLI would be leaving the Kenosha-Racine area.

MI T-2 stated that he was in the Kenosha Vending office on [redacted] and at that time there was no activity at the Kenosha Vending address. MI T-2 advised that there is no indication that the former crap game has been resumed at the Kenosha Vending office, and stated that COVELLI has moved more vending machines, boxes, and other items into the area formerly used for the crap game; and at the present time there is no area available in which a gambling operation could be set up. T-2 stated that if a gambling operation were to be conducted in this room at the present time, all of the vending machines and related equipment would have to be placed out of doors. b7D

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On January 6, 1964, MI T-9 advised that [redacted]

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MI T-9 stated that [redacted]

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On January 30, 1964, MI T-1 advised that on [REDACTED]

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On February 2, 1964, MI T-1 advised that [REDACTED]

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On February 2, 1964, MI T-1 advised that [REDACTED]

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On February 4, 1964, [REDACTED] Layton Pipe Company, South Whitnall Avenue, Cudahy, Wisconsin, advised that [REDACTED] had been employed by their concern since April 6, 1963 and had been let go as of this date, due to a slackening of contracts by the Layton Pipe Company. He advised that the last address for [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and his work file indicated that he was 38 years old, born on [REDACTED] had no dependents, was a member of the union, Laborers Local 113, was a good employee, and would be recalled as soon as the working conditions pick up in the spring.

On February 7, 1964, MI T-1 advised that he had talked to JOHN RIZZO, and at this time RIZZO stated that he and COVELLI were definitely not re-opening their crap game in Kenosha.

On February 7, 1964, MI T-1 advised that [REDACTED]

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MI T-1 advised that he had learned that when FRANK BALISTRERI made a visit of approximately four days to Hawthorne, California and stayed at [] motel there, there were approximately 20 other men from different places in the United States who were there that same time. He stated he does not know the exact date, but he was sure it was right after the newspapers gave a good deal of publicity to [] either when he was first given publicity or at the time of his testimony before the Senate hearing.

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MI T-1 said that he learned that BALISTRERI was not registered at the motel and that a switchboard operator, by the name of [] made a record of all long-distance calls made by BALISTRERI while there. He said that BALISTRERI, among other individuals, called a [] in Chicago. He also stated that he learned that [] has an interest in a new bank in the Hawthorne, California area and also has large real estate holdings.

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[redacted]
[redacted] advised that he has been acquainted with [redacted] for approximately four years, and that they were in a business venture to promote and market a product called "The Blind Spot Mirror." According to [redacted] this product had been patented and he had extended several thousands of dollars to [redacted] to get the mirror into production and on the retail market.

He advised that the money was sent to [redacted] on a weekly basis in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$80 and that [redacted] was to use this money for advertising and promoting the Blind Spot Mirror.

[redacted] stated that he last had contact with [redacted] in Milwaukee during October, 1963 and since that time he has not heard from [redacted] and does not know where [redacted] is living.

He stated that he thought his money was being used by [redacted] to further the business venture, and he has no knowledge of [redacted] using this money for gambling. He also stated that he does not know if [redacted] is associating with gamblers, and he does not know if [redacted] is a gambler.

[redacted] stated that he does not know JOHN RIZZO and he has never heard [redacted] mention anyone by that name.

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by SA [redacted] /ceef Date dictated 2-11-64

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On February 13, 1964, MI T-1 advised that [REDACTED]

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MI T-1 stated that [REDACTED] is siding with the [REDACTED] faction of the Milwaukee "outfit" and does not have a great deal of power with FRANK BALISTRIERI in some respects, but is used by all members of the "outfit" to gain political favors.

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He said that STEVE DE SALVO is not very active at the present time in affairs of the "outfit." In fact, all of the members are very quiet. He said that DE SALVO is taking care of his cleaning business most of the time.

MI T-1 stated that he knows of a [REDACTED] whose first name he believes is [REDACTED] who is associated with a union in North Chicago. He stated that this individual is a gambler and regularly attends craps and poker games, but does not have anything to do with the running of a gambling establishment. He said that he doubted [REDACTED] would be higher than RIZZO and COVELLI in the Kenosha gambling picture; and as far as he knows, these two men run the gambling in that area. He said that the only interference or advice that they ever received when they were in the gambling business came from FRANK BALISTRIERI in Milwaukee.

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On February 20, 1964, MI T-1 advised that [redacted] a vending machine business for FRANK BALISTRERI and that they have five customers. He stated that [redacted] and [redacted] are doing all the actual work, with FRANK BALISTRERI putting up the money and [redacted] for BALISTRERI.

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MI T-1 stated that he has learned that JOHN RIZZO and BILL COVELLI are not being seen together in Kenosha at the present time and are evidently staying apart, due to the current John Doe hearings there.

On March 2, 1964, MI T-1 advised that both [redacted] and FRANK BALISTRERI [redacted]

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He said that FRANK BALISTRERI [redacted]

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MI T-1 advised that in regard to a rumor that JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI had a falling out, he did not hear this, but he does know definitely that RIZZO and COVELLI are not seen together at all at the present time. He said that he has attributed this to the fact that there is a John Doe hearing in Kenosha and it might possibly be that they have had a falling out.

In regard to another rumor that WILLIAM COVELLI might sell his vending business and go to the Bahamas or Las Vegas for a gambling job, MI T-1 knew nothing concerning this matter. He advised, though, that he knows COVELLI has been to the Bahamas on vacation and has talked very favorably concerning the climate and good jobs in that area.

At Racine, Wisconsin

On February 26, 1964, MI T-4 advised that during the course of his employment, he has occasion to be in the general area where [redacted] hangs around, which is also a place frequently visited by [redacted]. MI T-4 stated that he has observed [redacted] on Washington Avenue and also on State Street in Racine where the local gamblers hang out and occasionally sees [redacted] in the same area.

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On January 29, 1964, Detective [] advised that JOHN RIZZO was out of town the entire week of January 20-25 and was not seen in the Racine area. [] stated that the RIZZO home was unattended, the drapes were pulled shut, and no garbage was placed at the road on Thursday, the day for the usual rural collection.

On February 4, 1964, Detective [] Racine Sheriff's Office, advised that [] former associate of JOHN RIZZO, was scheduled to start work at the J I Case Co., South Works, Racine, Wisconsin. He also advised that [] is currently employed at the same plant and is out in a test area, driving new tractors.

[] stated that [] originally was working in the heat treat department, but could not take the controlled heat, so he was transferred to the product testing department.

[] also conjectured that it appears that the Racine gamblers who were formerly associated with RIZZO and COVELLI have apparently obtained legitimate jobs.

On February 12, 1964, MI T-7 advised that [] accompanied by [] was employed at Twin Disk, Racine, Wisconsin and was presently traveling to a gambling spot approximately a half-hour's drive from Racine, located on Highway 131 south of Racine in the state of Illinois.

MI T-7 stated that a driver takes these individuals to this gambling spot, charges \$3 per person for the trip, and then uses this money to gamble. He stated the aforementioned group and unknown others make this trip every Saturday morning. He also stated that the gambling spot has poker, craps, and horse betting.

Concerning the horse betting, MI T-7 stated that no matter which track you bet, the gambling spot has the results a half hour after the race.

MI T-7 advised that the recent gambling raids conducted by local and federal law enforcement agencies in Kenosha and Racine have the gamblers talking to themselves and they do not know just what they should do.

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MI T-7 stated that during a recent visit to a gambling game, he observed [redacted] run into the place and talk with a person

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MI T-7 said that [redacted]

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MI T-7 advised that [redacted] also said that Racine is "hot" and

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While MI T-7 was in attendance at this gambling spot [redacted]

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MI T-7 stated that [redacted]

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On February 26, 1964, MI T-4 advised that he had made several telephonic contacts with individuals with whom he has gambled in the Racine area, and these individuals advised him that there is no action around the Racine-Kenosha area on a scheduled basis, due to the current heat created by recent Internal Revenue Service gambling raids, police department gambling arrests, and also the presence of a John Doe in Kenosha. MI T-4 advised that the old-time gamblers in the area do not know just what the John Doe is going after; and, as a result, they are playing it real cool.

Concerning the recent Internal Revenue Service gambling raid at [redacted] rooming house, [redacted]

[redacted] MI T-4 advised that on a recent evening he had been at [redacted]

MI T-4 stated that he had been thinking about some of the prior activities of the RIZZO-COVELLI era in Kenosha. He stated that they had used a large pool table which had been converted to a craps table, and that JOHN RIZZO was the banker and the only individual who handled the money for the craps game. He stated that chips were used in this craps game and were in the denominations of \$1, \$5 and \$10. He also advised that he has seen as much as \$30,000 to \$40,000 at one time stacked in front of RIZZO. MI T-4 stated that this craps game could accommodate 40 to 50 individuals, but usually there were only 15 or 20 active players at any one time.

He stated that [redacted] was a close associate of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and would play as much as \$2,000 a night and was usually a loser. He conjectured that this may have been [redacted] father's money and may have even been house money injected into the game just to keep things on the move. b6 b7C

MI T-4 also advised that at the RIZZO-COVELLI craps game, a participant would come in the front door of the old 56th Street Cigar Store, which was dark, would be acknowledged by AL ALBANA, the usual door man, and then would go through a small vestibule-like arrangement between the front office and the rear area where the craps game was being held. MI T-4 advised that this game was a rather closed operation in the sense that he usually saw the same individuals at the games and, therefore, everyone knew everyone else and no strangers were allowed unless they were brought in by one of the well-known players.

He advised that the games were held on late Friday evenings and carried on into Saturday mornings, and there also was activity on Sunday afternoons but on a lesser scale than the Saturday mornings action.

MI T-4 stated that he has not seen JOHN RIZZO in Racine or Kenosha and that the last time he saw RIZZO was shortly before the craps game was terminated in February, 1963.

Concerning [redacted] MI T-4 advised that he has been known to be a close associate of JOHN RIZZO in the past and, to his knowledge, there is an apparent connection at the present time. b6 b7C

During the evening of [redacted] and the morning of [redacted] MI T-4 was in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area making the rounds of various bars in an attempt to locate any form of craps or pool game activity. He advised that while at Mr. G's, b7D

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on 22nd Avenue, [redacted] associate of WEISER
COVELLI and [redacted] MI T-4 was [redacted]

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MI T-4 stated that this house was one of 10 similar places that are currently in operation in Kenosha and that there is known to be at least 15 places available in which house gambling is being played. He stated that [redacted]

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Concerning the syndicate, MI T-4 stated that these house games are definitely tied in with syndicate operations and those will be enlarged as soon as the current John Doe proceedings have subsided.

On [redacted] MI T-4 was in Waukegan, Illinois to a place known as Club 42; and through inquiry, he learned that [redacted]

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there is a syndicate operation type game being conducted in the back room of this club and that to get into this back room, the player must asked for [] or say, [] sent me." MI T-4 advised that the individual known as [] is [] who is in business with [] at the Echo Inn in Kenosha. He also stated that a person by the name of [] who hangs around with [] is also connected with the Echo Inn. MI T-4 stated that there is poker activity available in Kenosha at various private residences every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

On March 13, 1964, a brown Chevrolet, apparently a late 1940 model, bearing 1964 Wisconsin registration number Y-1052, was observed parked in the driveway at the home of JOHN RIZZO with RIZZO's 1963 Lincoln Continental parked alongside.

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A check with the Motor Vehicle Bureau indicated that this car was registered to the Auto Transmission Speciality Inc., 2308 Lathrop Avenue, Racine.

On March 13, 1964, Detective [] Racine Police Department, advised that this car belongs to an automobile transmission garage and is used by various mechanics of this firm to drive out on work assignments.



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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
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The following is a characterization of informants used in the report of SA [REDACTED], dated and captioned as above.

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MI T-1 is [REDACTED]

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MI T-4 is [REDACTED]

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MI T-6 is [REDACTED]

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MI T-7 is [REDACTED]

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MI T-9 is [REDACTED]

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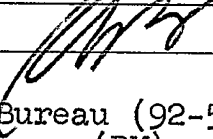
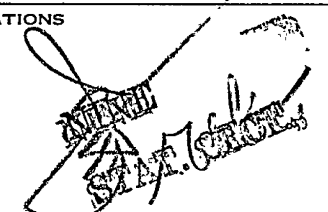
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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

1. Will maintain contact with developed sources of information for current activities of gamblers and former associates of subject.
2. Will follow activities of RIZZO to determine if he is involved in any current gambling activity in this area, in violation of Federal statutes.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1. Will maintain contact with developed sources of information who are close to the Milwaukee Outfit, especially subject's associations with FRANK BALISTRIERI and other known Milwaukee hoodlums.
2. Will attempt to develop information on the proposed COVELLI - RIZZO plans to buy a tavern or night club in Northern Illinois or someplace within the area of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

At Racine, Wisconsin

1. Will report results of survey of trash disposed of by subject.
2. Will maintain contact with the Special Detail, Racine PD for current activities and associates of subject.
3. Will maintain contact with sources of information who are acquainted with subject's activities and associates.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigative period of this report has been extended to include information that was not available when referenced report was prepared.

Under Milwaukee file 162-49 captioned "WILLIAM COVELLI, aka INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITY", a lead was set forth for the Chicago Division to maintain contact with [REDACTED] for further information pertaining to RIZZO's and COVELLI's alleged plans to buy the Key Club, Park City, Illinois for the purpose of using the basement for gambling. As this information is reported by the Chicago Division, it will be incorporated in this file.

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INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [REDACTED] contacted by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY.

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MI T-6 is PCI [REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED]

MI T-7 is PCI [REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED]

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: May 26, 1964

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File No.: MI 92-164

Bureau File No.: 92-5012

Title: JOHN CHARLES RIZZO

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Subject in partnership with WILLIAM COVELLI, Kenosha, Wisconsin and FRANK BALISTRIERI, head of the Milwaukee Outfit have made plans to purchase the Key Club, Park City, Illinois. No information available to indicate that subject and COVELLI have split up. FRANK BALISTRIERI has piece of RIZZO's gambling when such is running in the Kenosha - Racine area. RIZZO alleged not to have piece of any gambling action in the Northern Illinois area because this is strictly Chicago area under the control of ROCCO FISCHETTI and other Chicago outfit members. RIZZO maintaining contact with the Milwaukee hoodlum element.

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DETAILS:AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On February 11, 1964 Detective [REDACTED], Special Assignment Squad, Milwaukee Police Department, advised that he and his partner, Detective [REDACTED] had attended part

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of the stag party held at Fazio's on 5th Street for [redacted] on the night of November 4, 1963. Detective [redacted] stated that he and his partner did not get to the party until approximately 11:00 P.M. and stayed until about 12:30 A.M. [redacted] advised that he had heard that there were approximately 75 people present for dinner, that the party had started about 8:00 P.M. with a dinner and show being given upstairs and that the people present then proceeded to the downstairs area which was set aside for party groups. [redacted] related that by the time he and his partner had arrived at 11:00 P.M. the group had been reduced to about 50 people. The people present entertained themselves by conversation, some playing Gin Rummy and some in small poker games with only chips visible. Many prominent business and professional men were present and these individuals were known to have no connections with the "Outfit" nor sympathy toward any such organization. [redacted] pointed out that for example, a [redacted] was present. [redacted] is a long time acquaintance and friend of the [redacted] and is the son of a Federal Judge and the brother of a local circuit court judge.

[redacted] stated that to the best of his information, there was no business conducted that in any way pertained to the "outfit" or the Italian group as such.

Detective [redacted] further stated that by the time he and his partner arrived, he did not see JOHN RIZZO nor did he recognize anyone who resembled WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI.

On March 13, 1964 MI T-1 advised that BUSTER BALESTRERE still receives \$250.00 a week from the Milwaukee "outfit" and STEVE DE SALVO gets the same amount.

In regards to information that has come to the attention of the Milwaukee Office that [redacted] was in the Kenosha area during the summer of 1962 and was seen at one time with TONY BIERNAT around TONY's boat at the Kenosha Yacht Club during the summer of 1962, MI T-1 advised that he had no information concerning this matter. He did state that JOE GURERA, STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE

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went to Kenosha regularly, at least twice a week, during the summer of 1962 and cabareted there a great deal with JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI. They also took part and supervised at times the crap game of RIZZO and COVELLI. MI T-1 also stated that on occasions [redacted] accompanied them to Kenosha but was unable to state whether [redacted] knew TONY BERNAT.

On March 13, 1964 MI T-1 stated that the Club 42 at Zion, operates a crap game and that Shyme's and Eddies Tavern is also running a poker game. He advised there is a big crap game going on in Waukegan, Illinois, and that two blocks west of the North Shore Railway Station in Waukegan, there is a tavern located approximately three doors from the corner. He said that you contact the bartender in this tavern concerning the crap game and he will then make a phone call and escort you personally to the crap game which is operated in a house across the street.

MI T-1 stated that there is no information available to indicate that RIZZO has a piece of the action in the Northern Illinois area because this is strictly under the control of Chicago and ROCCO FISCHETTI and other outfit members.

On March 23, 1964 SA [redacted] observed Special Assignment Squad officer [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department, go into Fazio's on 5th at about 3:00 P.M., and [redacted] later advised he had made the following observations:

[redacted] and [redacted] were talking to [redacted] a local union official and another individual who was possibly DOMINIC FRINZI, attorney who is used by the hoodlum element in Milwaukee for legal advice, sitting in the restaurant. [redacted] advised he did not go all the way into the dining room but he did observe JOHN RIZZO and FRANK BALISTRIERI in Fazio's on March 19, 1964.

On March 27, 1964 MI T-1 advised that FRANK BALISTRIERI is staying close to Gallaghers at the present time and is very quiet. He stated that BALISTRIERI has again made remarks to the effect that there will be a reorganization of the

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Milwaukee Outfit in the near future and this is interpreted to mean after the John Doe trials have terminated.

In regards to WILLIAM COVELLI of Kenosha, Wisconsin, MI T-1 advised that FRANK BALISTRERI has a piece of COVELLI's juke box business, his book and gambling, when such is running in the Kenosha area. He also advised that BALISTRERI also has a piece of JOHN RIZZO's book at Racine. MI T-1 stated that there is no information concerning COVELLI and RIZZO splitting up and in his opinion, they are such good friends that they would probably only split up on the surface because of the John Doe hearing being conducted in Kenosha at the present time.

On April 17, 1964 MI T-1 advised that [REDACTED]

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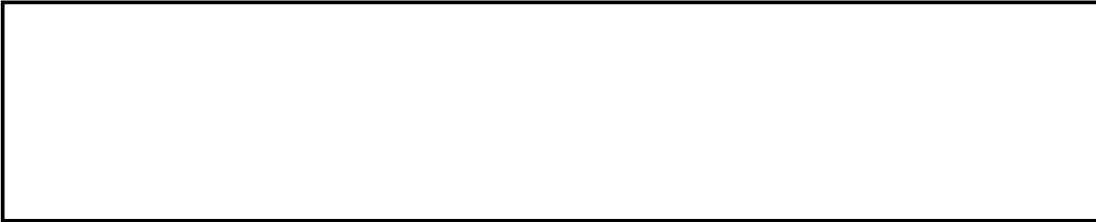
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On April 24, 1964 MI T-1 advised that [REDACTED] from

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MI T-1 advised that RIZZO and COVELLI have a direct line in regards to the John Doe investigation currently being conducted in Kenosha. He advised that someone who is assisting in conducting this investigation is feeding information to RIZZO and COVELLI on what is being found out.

On May 3, 1964 MI T-1 advised that he has heard that COVELLI and RIZZO may be acting on behalf of FRANK BALISTRERI concerning a night club in the area due to the fact that Gallaghers and the Downtowner may be torn down if the City of Milwaukee goes through with their downtown redevelopment program. He stated BALISTRERI has looked at several places but has not yet made up his mind where he will try to locate.

Concerning this, MI T-1 advised he has heard no information concerning the alleged attempt of COVELLI, RIZZO and BALISTRERI to buy the Key Club in Park City, Illinois.

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On [redacted] MI T-6 advised that he was in the [redacted]
[redacted] and observed a couple of boys on the crap table sticks whom he knew as former "stick men" at the former COVELLI - RIZZO crap game on 56th Street in Kenosha. MI T-6 advised that he did not remember the names, but that they were both short and typically Italian, in appearance.

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According to MI T-6 there is a lot of action at the Club 42 as well as various other gambling joints in Northern Illinois. He stated that [] continues to be the big man at the Club 42, and that there is a \$200 limit but you can bet more if you so desire. He stated most of the time the table has 40 or 50 \$5 chips stacked on the playing surface.

MI T-6 stated that there used to be numerous house games in Kenosha for poker and informant stated that the area gamblers think the police and other enforcement agencies are happy about the arrests recently made by the Internal Revenue Service and state officials and are of the opinion that they will be left alone for a period of time.

On April 9, 1964 MI T-6 advised that JOHN RIZZO is supposed to be in a rough spot and is not moving because he figures things are too hot and that the Feds know about his every move. He also stated he has no knowledge of RIZZO being involved in any current activity in Kenosha or Racine.

On April 13, 1964 MI T-7 advised that [] former gambling associate of subject, is commencing or using a booking operation that will be conducted by himself to service the Racine area people who wish to place horse bets with a bookie. According to MI T-7 [] has made a statement that Canales Restaurant in Zion, Illinois was closed for any form of gambling at the present time.

On April 19, 1964 MI T-7 advised that [] was now taking bets for races being held at Sportsman and Aqueduct race tracks and that if a person tried to place a bet with [] he had to write the amount of his bet on a slip of paper containing the name of the track, horses he was betting on and the amount placed plus a code name indicating that he was the individual bettor. MI T-7 also stated that [] has advised that he will have a telephone number in a short period of time to facilitate his booking operation thereby eliminating personal contacts between [] and those who desire to place a bet.

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MI T-7 also stated that the booking operation of [] appears to be his own operation at this time and that no one else is apparently backing [].

On April 28, 1964 MI T-7 advised that [] continues his booking operation and that payoffs are made with winners on Saturday or Sunday with the individuals concerned.

MI T-7 also stated that [] has been associated in the past with a fellow by the name of [] and that [] now has [] former car, a 1963 Buick and [] has a 1958 Studebaker which he is using in his current activities.

On April 28, 1964 [] and [] were observed in [] Studebaker, bearing 1964 Wisconsin registration [] on Spring Street, Racine, Wisconsin, traveling in the westerly direction towards the residence of JOHN RIZZO on Emmertson Road, Racine County.

Several spot checks were conducted in the area of RIZZO's home shortly after this surveillance was made without [] car being observed at RIZZO's. It was noted though, that RIZZO's 1963 Lincoln Continental was in the garage in his usual parking space.

Numerous spot checks conducted in the vicinity of RIZZO's residence, Emmertson Road, Racine County, during the week of May 18 - May 22, 1964 failed to reflect any unusual activity or the presence of any vehicles at his home.

On May 22, 1964 Detectives [] and [] Special Squad, Racine Police Department, advised that their daily spot checks of RIZZO's home during the month had failed to reflect any unusual activity and RIZZO was observed on numerous occasions working around his home and in a flower garden.



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Title JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka

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Reference Report of SA [redacted]
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The following is a characterization of informants used in the
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